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OAU Mission to Nigeria

1. Department gratified that OAU Mission again appears likely to assemble Lagos and continues to hope for its success.
2. Re para two reftel, however, Dept believes USG not best choice QTE to encourage FMG to accept gracefully necessity for mission to talk to Ojukwu UNQTE. Since USG suspect as privately pro-Ojukwu in eyes some FMG officials and since Mission is purely African initiative which should remain so, believe such attempt by USG would not be helpful. While Dept also hopes Mission will eventually be able talk to Ojukwu, it believes influences on FMG to permit this should come from African states.

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			<p>BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. Lagos papers November 27 headlined statements made by Nigerian Ambassador to France, Alhaji Abdul Maliki, at airport press conference on his arrival in Lagos on "routine consultations." Maliki said French Government, as opposed to French press, "solidly behind" the Federal Military Government.</p> <p>Maliki reportedly emphasized that France was still maintaining her policy of non-interference in the Nigerian crisis. He was quoted as having said "but the attitude of the French press is a different matter entirely. It is far from satisfactory. Many times I have held press conferences which the French press have refused to report. I have also sent in press releases which were not used." He said that "unfortunately the rebels have got to them (overseas press) before we do, but we have been doing our best to explain the true position. Short of publishing a paper in France, I have done everything to present the Federal Government's case." END UNCLASSIFIED</p> <p>BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. Comment: There are probably good reasons for the carefully drawn distinctions between the French Government and the French domestic press. This Embassy opines that the FMG has no intention of irking the French Government while it is still shipping Panhard armored cars, which the FMG military have found effective, and other items of military equipment to Nigeria. It was probably also for this reason that Maliki glossed over the role of Frenchmen allegedly serving as mercenaries with the rebels.</p>			
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JOINT STATE-USIS-PEACE CORPS MESSAGE

1. FOLLOWING FULL TEXT FRONT-PAGE "COMMENT" ENTITLED
"WE AND US" NIGERIAN TRIBUNE OF NOVEMBER 29, 1967.
UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED.

2. "UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR HAS DEFENDED EMBASSY
AGAINST CHARGES OF COLLUSION WITH THE REBELS AND

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AGAINST ACCUSATIONS THAT AMERICAN PEACE CORPS IN NIGERIA
ARE SPIES FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT.

3. "BOTH CHARGES AND THEIR SPIRITED DEFENCE ARE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 659

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO, AMBASSADOR
ASKED ABOUT NIGERIAN SITUATION. AHIDJO EVALUATION SUBSTANTIALLY
UNCHANGED. HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SOLUTION IN NEAR FUTURE.
HE SAYS IT POSSIBLE SOMETHING MAY COME FROM ANKRAH'S EFFORTS WITH
OJUKWU BUT AT SAME TIME BELIEVES OJUKWU PRESENCE PRINCIPAL

PAGE 2 RUTAND 659 C O N F I D E N T I A L
OBSTACLE TO NEGOTIATIONS. AHIDJO CONSIDERS BIAFRAN RADIO ATTACK
ON COMMITTEE REPORT PROBABLY ONLY PROPAGANDA.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPRISALS AGAINST IBO, AHIDJO SAID GOWEN
HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES ALL PRECAUTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT
CIVILIAN POPULATION. AHIDJO APPEARED TO ACCEPT GOWEN'S ASSURANCES
AS SINCERE. PAYTON

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S E C R E T 0487 NOV 67. SGD HALLIKN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA.
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR
DIAC; CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C; DA FOR ACSI. AMEMB BONN FOR DAO.

1. REF PAR 1A. MY 0483 NOV 67. FOLLOWING AVAIL FROM RELIABLE
SOURCES ARMY HQ MORNING 29 NOV:

PAGE 2 RUTALS 4770CC S E C R E T
A. DURING PERIOD 26/27 NOV, FIFTH BN, 1ST FED DIVISION, MOUNTED
OPERATION FROM FIVE MILE CORNER BASE AND SEIZED TACTICALLY
SIGNIFICANT VILLAGE COMPLEX AT EKE (0627N 0721) APPROX FOUR
MILES WEST NINE MILE CORNER. MISSION BASED ON DEMONSTRATED NEED
FIRST DIV RELIEVE OCCASIONAL REBEL PRESSURE AGAINST NINE MILE
CORNER AND AGAINST LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO NSUKKA. KEY TERRAIN.

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FEATURES AROUND VILLAGE COMPLEX ALSO OCCUPIED.
B. REBEL RADIO HAS BEEN TRUMPETING "ANOTHER MAJOR FEDERAL DEFEAT IN ATTEMPTED CROSSING NIGER RIVER TO ONITSHA NITE 25/26 NOV." ARMY HQ SOURCES, HOWEVER, STRONGLY DENY FEDERAL ATTEMPT CROSS ACTUALLY MADE. SOURCES CLAIM RIVER BORNE RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE MOUNTED FROM ILLUSHI (SEE PRIOR MESSAGES) IN TWO NIGER RIVER TRANSPORT BOATS NITE 25 NOV. RECON UNEVENTFUL UNTIL BOATS HAD PASSED ASABA AND CAME TO POINT JUST NORTH ONITSHA FROM WHICH POINT THEY COMMENCED TAKING REBEL FIRE FROM BLUFFS. SOURCES CLAIM FEDERAL BOATS, APPROX COMPANY STRENGTH IN TOTAL ABOARD, TURNED AND RETURNED ILLUSHI WITH ONLY "MINOR CASUALTIES". PURPOSE RECON EXERCISE BELIEVED CLOSE UP SCOUTING EAST BANK POTENTIAL LANDING SITES IN LIGHT RECENT LOWERING RIVER LEVELS. PATROL REPORTED EAST BANK RIVER ABOVE ONITSHA NM MORE HEAVILY

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THAN BEFORE.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER WITH MANY CONTACTS MID-WEST, HAS DETAILED REPORT FROM AMCIT SOURCE WHO WAS IN ASABA AREA DURING PERIOD 13/22 NOV. SOURCE REPORTS:
A. TROOPS IN THE "COUPLE OF BNS ASABA" APPEAR MOST RELUCTANT AT PROSPECTS AGAIN CROSSING NIGER RIVER TO ONITSHA. SOME SOLDIERS SAID "THEY WOULD MUTINY IF FORCED TO CROSS". (SOURCE SAW "LOTS OF TROOPS AGBOR" 15 NOV WHO SAID THEY "GOING NORTH (UNSPECIFIED) TO COME DOWN ON ONITSHA".
B. DAILY SHELLFIRE, ESPECIALLY AT NITE, EXCHANGED BETWEEN ASABA AND ONITSHA. SOURCE SAW TWO FEDERAL 105MM HOWITZERS IN ACTION AGAINST ONITSHA. ASABA NOW BADLY DAMAGED. SOME CENTER TOWN BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN GUTTED BY FIRE AND MOST BUILDINGS WITHIN ARTY/MORTAR RANGE ONITSHA HAVE MANY SHELL HOLES. WORST DAMAGE IN AREA CABLE POINT.
C. ONITSHA "HEAVILY DAMAGED" BY NIGERIAN AIR FORCE RAID WHICH LASTED FOR "ABOUT TWO HOURS" 21 NOV. TOTAL "FIVE OR SIX MIGS" SEEN VARIOUS TIMES DURING PERIOD ATTACK, AND THERE WAS "HEAVY EXPLOSION IN ONITSHA EVERY FIVE MINUTES OR SO". THERE HAD ALSO BEEN A "MUCH SMALLER" NAF RAID ON ONITSHA 20 NOV DURING WHICH

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ONLY "FIVE OR SIX" EXPLOSIONS HEARD IN ASABA. DURING BOTH
RAIDS "SILVERY PLANE CRUISED HIGH OVER CITY OBSERVING RAIDS"
(PROBABLE THIS NIGERIAN MANNED DELFIN, POSSIBLY ALAO, OBSERVING
ACTIVITIES NON-NIGERIAN DRIVEN MIGS).

• AIR ACTIVITY:

A. RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS RESULTS HIS VERY RECENT DISCUSSION
WITH "MERCENARY PILOT" WHO HAS BEEN FLYING FOR FMG. PILOT
REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED ONE FLITE, FOUR MIGS BASED CALABAR AND
CARRYING OUT DAILY OFFENSIVE SORTIES AGAINST REBEL TARGETS PORT
HARCOURT SINCE 24 NOV, ON DIRECT ORDERS COMMANDER NAF.
ALAO: ALL SORTIES FROM CALABAR AGAINST HARCOURT HAVE BEEN FLOWN

BY "WHITE, WESTERN, NON-EGYPTIAN PILOTS". ALAO REPORTEDLY
DISSATISFIED WITH "UNWILLINGNESS OR INABILITY" EGYPTIAN MIG PILOTS
TO DO SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE AT HARCOURT ON SERIES PRIOR ATTACKS. ON
26 AND 27 NOV MIG PILOTS CLAIMED "TWO PLANES, ONE A B-25, SECOND
EITHER B-25 OR DC-3 (TARP COVERED) HEAVILY HIT ON GROUND AND
CONTROL TOWER DEMOLISHED." (SIGNIFICANT WITH CHANGE MERC PILOTS
AT CALABAR ON 24 NOV IS FACT FEDERAL FORCES BONNY CLAIM NO REBEL
PLANES SEEN SINCE ATTACKS 23 NOV).

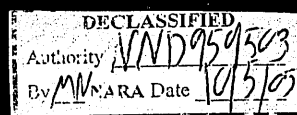
B. SAME MERC PILOT SOURCE SAID MIG-17 BEING USED BY NAF AT

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CALABAR HAVE "ARMORED PILOTS CABINS AND ARE ARMED WITH ONE 26MM
CANNON, TWO HEAVY MGS, AND CARRY EITHER 250 LB BOMBS OR ROCKETS".
C. RELIABLE NAF SOURCE SAID ON 29 NOV THAT SIX OF TWELVE DORNIER
DO-28 AIRCRAFT ORDERED BY NAF FROM GERMANY (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)
HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO NAF KADUNA. HITCH APPEARS TO HAVE
DEVELOPED, HOWEVER, IN THAT FMG ORDERED PLANES WITH ARMORED
PILOT CABIN PLUS FOUR MACHINE GUNS AND ROCKET PODS FOR EACH
PLANE. NIGERIAN MIL ATTACHE, BONN, LTC EMMANUEL IKWUE, RETURNED
LAGOS 28 NOV AND REPORTS FRG "HOLDING UP EXPORT LICENSES FOR
ARMAMENT". IKWUE PLANS RETURN BONN 01 DEC.

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A. AS RESULT NIGERIAN NAVY BELIEF REBEL BOMBING NNS KADUNA AT
SONNY 22 NOV CARRIED OUT WITH NAPALM WEAPON, NIGERIAN MIL;
RELIEVING REBEL CAPABILITY PRODUCE NAPALM EXISTS AT REFINERY

OKRIKA; HAS BEEN PRESSING GOWON FOR PERMISSION USE MIGS AT CALABAR
IN "MAJOR AIR ATTACK" AGAINST REFINERY. SO FAR, GOWON HAS REFUSED
AUTHORIZE SUCH AN
ATTACK AGAINST REFINERY INSTALLATIONS.

B. MIL SOURCES AT SUPREME HQ, DODAN BARRACKS, WHO USUALLY "CLOSE
TO THRONE", "PUSHING" STORY THAT AT SECRET SESSION WITH RECENT
OAU REPS TO NIGERIA, GOWON BLUNTLY ASKED ALL REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESENT WHETHER ANY OF THEM THOUGHT SUCCESSFUL SECESSION "BIAFRA"
WOULD BE GOOD THING "FOR NIGERIA, FOR YOUR OWN COUNTRIES OR FOR
AFRICA?" SOURCES REPORT ALL REPS RESPONDED IN NEGATIVE; AT THIS
POINT, SOURCES SAY, GOWON THEN BLUNTLY ASKED EACH INDIVIDUALLY OR
COLLECTIVELY CONSIDER SOME FROM MIL SUPPORT TO FMG WITH EMPHASIS
ON OFFENSIVE OR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. SOURCES SAY MATTER NOT
DISMISSED OUT OF HAND BY REPS PRESENT; RATHER, SERIOUS DISCUSSION
ON RAMIFICATIONS SUCH ACTION REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE. SOURCES DID
NOT THINK MATTER FIRMLY SETTLED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, BUT DID NOT
RULE OUT SOME FORM AID BY GOVTS ONE OR MORE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED.
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SUB: NIGERIA: CS PEACE EFFORTS

1. ATTEMPTS BY COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT TO GET NIGERIAN PEACE TALKS UNDERWAY ARE STILL ON DEAD CENTER. SYG ARNOLD SMITH TELLS US THAT HE SENT "SHARPLY WORDED" MESSAGE TO OJUKWU VIA DIKE NOVEMBER 22 AND FOLLOWED THIS UP IN TALK WITH MOJEDWU NOVEMBER 26. ACCORDING TO MOJEDWU, IBOS.

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WERE READY TO TALK AND SMITH WOULD SHORTLY BE RECEIVING MESSAGE TO THIS EFFECT FROM OJUKWU. IMPLICATION OF MOJEKWU'S REMARKS WAS THAT OJUKWU WOULD WITHDRAW OBJECTIONS TO LONDON AS VENUE FOR TALKS.

2. COMMENT: HAVING GONE UP AND DOWN ESCALATOR SO OFTEN IN PAST MONTHS SMITH IS RESERVING JUDGEMENT ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. HE BELIEVES THAT CS INITIATIVE AND OAU MISSION OFFER OJUKWU GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK

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UNDER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES IF HE WANTS TO. IN
ADDITION, IF REPORTS OF BREAKDOWN IN OJUKWU'S
NEGOTIATIONS WITH MERCENARIES ARE ACCURATE, HE
MAY HAVE LESS REASON TO STALL. MUCH MAY DEPEND
ON HOW PERSUASIVE ANKRAH IS WHEN HE CONTACTS
OJUKWU. BRUCE

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SUBJ: "BIAFRAN" RADIO ATTACKS US AMBASSADOR

1. IN NEWS TALK ON NOV. 26 (FBIS ITEM N270610)
SECESSIONIST RADIO MADE PROLONGED PERSONAL ATTACK ON
US AMBASSADOR IN NIGERIA.

2. TALK LEADS OFF BY ASKING SERIES RHETORICAL QUESTIONS
AS TO WHETHER AMBASSADOR HAS ANY "PERSONAL INTEREST IN

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NIGERIA- BIAFRA CRISIS" AND WHETHER HE DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN
DUTIES AS CHIEF OF MISSION AND PERSONAL FEELINGS, AND IF IT
IS NOT TRUE THAT HE ONE OF ADVISORS OF HAUSVAA FULANI OLIGARCHS
IN THEIR BID RESUSCITATE ARTIFICIAL BRITISH CREATION CALLED
NIGERIA?"

3. AMBASSADOR AID TO HAVE " DELIBERATELY ALLOWED YOUR
PERSONAL DESIRES OVERRIDE YOUR DUTIES" BY ACTING IN

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COLLUSION WITH EX-BRITISH HICOMER CUMMING. BRUCE BY STOPPING GOWON FROM SECEDING. "YOU LOWERED THE NORTHER FLAG WHICH GOWON HAVD ACTUALLY HOISTED IN FRONT HIS HEADQUARTERS. AGAIN. WHEN LIBERATION ARMY CAPTURED ORE DURING LIBERATION OF REPUBLIC OF BENIN. LAGOS JUNTA DECIDE REMOVE THEIR CAPITAL TO ZARIA IN NORTHERN NIGERIA. YOU, MR. MATHES, ADVISED AGAINST THIS. BY THIS ONE CALLOUS ACT YOU HAVE ASSUMED FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIVES LOST AND ARE PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR UNDUE PROLONGATION OF THIS WAR."

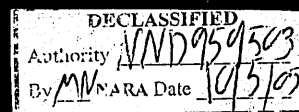
4 NEWS TALK CONTINUES WITH ALLEGATIONS AMBASSADOR NOT

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IMPARTIAL OBSERVER. UNFAIR TO BIAFRA. AND UNAWARE "OF FOUL FORCES OF COMMUNISM AT WAR IN NIGERIA." AMBASSADOR THEREFORE "HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ENTRENCHMENT OF RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN NIGRIA."

5. COMMENT: AGITATED TONE AND TOTALLY AD HOMINEM ATTACK ON AMBASSADOR IS REFLECTION GROWING "BIAFRAN", HYSTERIAN, CAUSED BY THEIR ISOLATION AND FEAR AS GARRISON PSYCHOLOGY DEVELOPS. IT POSSIBLE CONJECTURE BIAFRANS ARE UPSET BY US OPPOSITION TO PORTUGUESE ROLE IN GUN- RUNNING TO "BIAFRA", AS THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT REMAINING LINK BETWEEN BELEAGUERED "BIAFRA" AND OUTSIDE WORLD. WHATEVER THEIR IMMEDIATE MOTIVATION IT IS INEVITABLE, ALTHOUGH REGRETTABLE, THAT BIAFRANS WILL CONTINUE SEEK SCAPEGOATS FOR THEIR OWN MISFORTUNES.
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DIACO: CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C; DA FOR ACSI; SECDEF FOR ISA;
AMEMB FOR USADO.

1. LTC MURTALLE MUHAMMED, COMMANDING OFFICER FEDERAL THIRDDIV,
ALONG WITH HIS PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICERS, LTC MUHAMMED REMAWA AND
LTC MUHAMMED USMAN ARRIVED LAGOS FROM ASABA AREA AFTERNOON
27 NOV FOR SERIES CONFERENCES C/S ARMY, SUPREME HQ STAFF AND
COMMANDER IN CHIEF. NO FURTHER DETAILS THIS POINT.

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2. NIGERIAN NAVY:

A. REF PAR 3A, MY 0483 NOV 67; FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH PERSONNEL NNS NIGERIA AND NNS KADUNA INDICATE TECHNIQUE BEING UTILIZED BY PILOT B-25 IN ATTACKS REF PAR IS WW II SKIP BOMBING TECHNIQUE. FURTHER, VERY STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS ACTIVE INGREDIENT BOMB WHICH HIT NEXT TO KADUNA WAS NAPALM. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS BASED ON SAMPLES FROM KADUNA NOW UNDER WAY.
B. EXPAT OFFICERS NIGERIAN NAVY CONCERNED OVER PROBLEM UPKEEP WOODEN HULLED RUSSIAN ORIGIN PATROL BOATS. SOURCES SAY THAT IF BOATS TO BE ANY REAL VALUE HERE IN TROPICAL WATERS OVER LONG RUN ALL WILL HAVE TO "SHEETED WITH METAL" OR THEY " WILL BE WORTHLESS TO US IN COUPLE OF MONTHS".

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

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A. REF PAR 1, MY SECRET NOFORN 0162 MAY 02 1967 WHICH INDICATED FRENCH GOVT HAD APPROVED SALE FORTY REPEAT FORTY PANHARD ARMORED CARS TO FMG WITH DELIVERY TO BE SPREAD OUT OVER EXTENDED PERIOD. FIRST NINE ARRIVED MID-JULY (SEE PAR 2, MY 0292 JUL 1967), SIX MORE PANHARDS, ALL NINETY MM GUN MODELS, ARRIVED WEEKEND 25/26 NOV (SEE PAR 1C, MY 0483 NOV 67). RELIABLE COMMERCIAL SOURC NOW INDICATES GOVT FRANCE HAS RELEASED BALANCE (25) OF ORIGINAL ORDER OF FORTY REPORTED. THESE REPORTEDLY DUE LAGOS "ARLY DEC". SAME COMMERCIAL SOURCE SAYS PRIME FMG AGENT FOR PANHARD DEAL WITH FRENCH HAS BEEN MR. W. SQUINDO, LAGOS REP INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS (IPTC), ZURICH, WHICH HAS REPUTATION BEINF FOCAL POINT MIL EQUIP SALES MANY AFRICAN NATIONS. SQUINDO HAD LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN SUCH DEALS ON BEHALF FMG (SEE PAR 2, MY 0139 24 APR 67). SQUINDO RETURNED LAGOS 22 NOV AFTER COMPLETING BALANCE PANHARD DEAL WITH FRENCH GOVT ON BEHALF FMG. (RECENT STRONG DEFENSE IN LAGOS OF GOF AS

"FRIEND OF FMG" BY GON AMBASSADOR OT FRANCE, ABDUL MALIKI, COULD VERY WELL BE RELATED TO KNOWLEDGE ON MALIKI'S PART THAT GOF HAD DECIDED RELEASE BALANCE ORIGINAL PANHARD ORDER TO FMG).

B. REF PAR 4, MY 0451 NOV 67; AND PAR 4A, MY 0406 SEP 67; SAME

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COMMERCIAL SOURCE ABOVE SAID SQUINDO, WHOSE FIRM AGENT FOR
OERLIKON IN AFRICA, ALSO MANAGED PROCUREMENT THIRTY SIX TWENTY MM
OERLIKON MOBILE AA GUNS (REF PARS) FOR FMG. IN THIS CASE,
SQUINDO MASKED ULTIMATE DESTINATION FROM SWISS GOVT BY ORDERING
WEAPONS FOR REPUBLIC NIGER (WHO, SOURCE SAID, COOPERATED WITH FMG
IN DEAL) WITH PORT OF DEPARTURE MARSEILLES. AT MARSEILLES
(ACCORDING TO SOURCE, WITH KNOWLEDGE GOF) SQUINDO DIVERTED
SHIPMENT TO SABENA WHO FLEW WEAPONS TO NIAMEY WHERE FMG MADE
PICKUP FOR ULTIMATE DESTINATION NIGERIA). GP-3.

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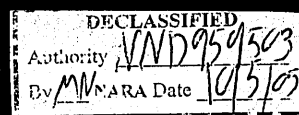
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UNCLAS KINSHASA 5865

1. DIALLO TELLI ARRIVED AT KINSHASA AFTERNOON NOV 26 ON SPECIAL GHANIAN AIR FORCE FLIGHT. ACCORDING TO MONDAY ACP, PURPOSE DIALLO TELLI VISIT TO DRC IS TO REPORT TO MOBUTU ON PROGRESS OF AOU SPECIAL COMMISSION ON NIGERIA.

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2. IN PRESS INTERVIEW UPON ARRIVAL, DIALLO TELLI SAID THAT WORK OF COMMISSION WAS CONFINED TO SEEKING WAYS AND MEANS OF MAINTAINING NIGERIA'S UNITY, INTEGRITY AND PEACE. HE SAID THAT UNKRAH HAS BEEN CHARGED BY COMMISSION TO CONTACT BIAFRAN LEADERS AND ATTEMPT PERSUADE THEM TO ABANDON SECESSION AND WORK TOWARD RECONSTRUCTION OF NIGERIA.

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S E C R E T 0483 NOV 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA.

SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR
DIACO; CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C; DA FOR ACSI.

1. FOLLOWING AVAIL FROM RELIABLE SOURCE ARMY HQ 27 NOV:
A. ENUGU AREA QUIET; FEDERAL FORCES ENCOUNTERING ONLY SMALL
SCALE REBEL PATROL TYPE ACTIVITY AT PRESENT. ONE REBEL BRIGADE

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NOW OPERATING WEST NINE MILE COUNER ALONG UDI - AWKA ROAD.
REBEL FORCES STILL HOLD EMENE JUST EAST ENUGU AIRFIELD.
FEDERAL FORCES NOW ONCE AGAIN SOUTH CEMENT FACTORY ON EHA AMUFU-
NKLGAU ROAD.
B. CONTRARY REPORTS SOME FOREIGN PRESS SOURCES, OGOJA PROVINCE
QUIET; RECON VEHICLE AND MOTORIZED INF PATROLS WEST OF CROSS

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RIVER REPORT NO REBEL ACTIVITY.

C. FEDERAL THIRD DIV FORCES MOVING NORTH FROM CALABAR WITH INITIAL OBJECTIVE KOP OKPORO HAS BEEN "SUBSTANTIALLY REINFORCED" FOR CONTINUATION DRIVE.

D. SIX MORE PANHARD ARMORED CARS (FRENCH ORIGIN) ARRIVED LAGOS OVER WEEKEND; THESE NINETY MM GUN MODELS.

2. AIR FORCE:

A. FLIGHT FOUR MIGS OPERATING FROM CALABAR NOW CONCENTRATING PORT HARCOURT; AIRFIELD THERE REPORTED HIT AGAIN 25 NOV. PILOTS REPORT CONTROL TOWER HIT ONCE MORE AND THAT REBEL PLANE HIT ON GROUND; TYPE UNKNOWN AS PLANE REPORTED UNDER TARP COVERS. PILOTS ALSO BELIEVE AMMO STORAGE AREA HIT AS "LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION FOLLOWED STRIKE ON FIELD".

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B. EIGHT DELFIN L-29S OPERATION AND FLYING; FOUR MORE ON ORDER FOR DELIVERY NEAR FUTURE.

C. BENIN AND CALABAR CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL FIELDS FOR NAF. NEWLY EXTENDED STRIP ESCRAVOS IN "CURING" STATE AND WILL BE READY FOR OPERATIONAL USE 07 DECEMBER. PRIOR THAT TIME MAY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY LANDINGS ONLY. NAF OPERATIONAL FIGHT PLANNING FOR BOTH MIGS AND L-29S USES 140/150 MILES AS RADIUS OF ACTION; TOTAL RANGE 300 MILES. THIS NEAR MAXIMUM FROM BENIN TOHARCOURT, BUT PUTS HARCOURT WELL WITHIN RANGE CALABAR.

D. ON 27 NOV, LOGISTICS OFFICER, NAF HQ, LAGOS, OVERHEARD DIRECTING SHIPMENT "TWO HUNDRED POUND BOMBS TO CALABAR".

3. NAVAL ACTIVITY:

A. REF PAR 4A, MY 0482 NOV 67; DATT OBSERVED SDB KADUNA, ESCORTED BY FRIGATE NIGERIA ARRIVE BACK AT NAVY YARD, APAPA, 5150P NOV. NO REPEAT NO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OBSERVED. ENTIRE STARBOARD SIDE, HOWEVER, SCORCHED FROM FLAMES; NOT REPEAT NOT FROM FIRE ABOARD BUT FROM FIRE ALONGSIDE. IN CONVERSATION IN PRESENCE ADMIRAL J.E.A. WEY, COMMANDER MUYIBI AYINDE ADELANWA, WHO HAS SKIPPED NIGERIA LAST TWO RUNS, TOLD DATT THAT SURVIVORS

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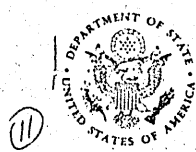
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ON KADUNA REPORTED THAT ON MORNING 22 NOV REBEL B-25 MADE "VERY LOW TO WATER" BOMBING RUN ON KADUNA JUST AS SHE WAS IN PROCESS MOORING IN MID-STREAM BONNY AFTER PATROL RUN OFF BONNY. "INCENDIARY TYPE BOMB DEVICE SOME TYPE" STRUCK WATER ALONGSIDE KADUNA AND VESSEL ENGULFED IN "WALL OF FLAME". ENTIRE CREW LESS THREE WENT OVER SIDE: "MOST, INCLUDING SKIPPER AND ONE OTHER OFFICER, LOST". THREE SURVIVORS PUT OUT MINOR DECK FIRES ON KADUNA AND SAVED SHIP. NO OTHER DAMAGE TO VESSEL. NIGERIA, ON WAY BACK LAGOS FROM CALABAR, PUT INTO BONNY, PUT EMERGENCY CREW ON KADUNA AND ESCORTED VESSEL BACK LAGOS. ADELANWA SAID NIGERIA HAD BEEN SUBJECTED VERY SAME TYPE ATTACK AT CALABAR ON 21 NOV BUT BOMB HAD FALLEN OFF STERN AND DID NOT DAMAGE. ADELANWA WAD "PILOT OF B-25 NOW WHAT HE IS DOING". BASIS THIS WAS FACT HIS RUN AGAINST NIGERIA WAS MADE WITH APPARENT KNOWLEDGE CERTAIN AA BLIND SPOTS INHERENT IN LOCATION AA BATTERIES ON BOARD NIGERIA. ADELANWA INDIGNANTLY PRESSED WEY "TO HAVE AIR FORCE CHAPS DO SOMETHING ABOUT REBEL PLANES FLYING FROM HARCOURT". WEY VERY UPSET ABOUT SITUATION AND FEELS "REBEL SPOTTERS AT BONNY AND CALABAR RELAYING PRECISE ACTIONS NAVAL VESSELS TO REEBEL AIR FORCE AT HARCOURT"; WEY'S COMMENT WAS, "I GUESS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO

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BE BASTARDS AFTER ALL". NO FUTHER CLARIFICATION BUT DATT'S IMPRESSION WAS WEY REFERRED TO NATURE OF RETALIATORY OR PREVENTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY NIGERIAN FORCES TO COUNTER REBEL BOMBING RUNS ON BONNY AND CALABAR.
B. SOV FLAG FISHING TRAWLER MOTHER SHIP "PLAYA HIRON", WHICH FREQUENT VISITOR LAGOS HARBOR, DISCHARGED UNKNOWN CARGO APAPA WHARFS BETWEEN LATE HOURS DARKNESS TO EARLY DAWN 24/25 NOV. SOURCE INFO SURE OF FACT OF UNLOADING BUT DOES NOT YET KNOW TYPE CARGO UNLOADED. SOURCE, HOWEVER, "VERY SUSPICIOUS" OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF UNLOADING. GP-3.

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1. UK HIGH COMER HUNT, SPEAKING AT DEDICATION OF
BRITISH-FINANCED 600 THOUSAND POUND ENGINEERING FACULTY
BUILDING AT AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY IN ZARIA, TOUCHED
ON BRITISH SUPPORT FOR FMG.

2. HUNT SAID NIGERIA NEEDS SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT
OF HER FRIENDS AMONG WHICH "BRITAIN HAS BEEN THE FIRST

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TO DEMONSTRATE THAT A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED".
HE SAID ALL DEPLORE BLOODSHED BROUGHT UPON NIGERIA. "NO
ONE CAN DENY, HOWEVER, THAT A COUNTRY IS JUSTIFIED IN
USING THE FORCES OF THE STATE TO PREVENT ITS DISRUPTION."
MANY EXAMPLES IN HISTORY WITNESS TO THIS. WE HAVE JUST
PASSED THE CENTENARY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, ONE OF

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PRESIDENT DIORI RETURNED NIAMEY FROM LAGOS 24TH, TELLING PRESS
AT AIRPORT THAT OAU MISSION HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT NIGERIAN
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD ESCHEW VENGEANCE AND REPRISALS
AGAINST BIAFRANS ONCE PEACE ASSURED, AND THAT FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT WOULD ENGAGE ITS FULL EFFORTS IN THE SEARCH
FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

DIORI SAID OAU MISSION HAD FOLLOWING TWO OBJECTIVES:

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- 1° TO ASSURE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF OAU'S GOODWILL AND
OPPOSITION TO SECESSION NO MATTER UNDER WHAT PRETEXT.
- 2° ESTABLISH CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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"COULD ACCEPT THE RETURN TO PEACE IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE FULFILLED."

DIORI STATED GENERAL ANKRAH WOULD CONTACT BIAFRAN REPRESENTATIVES IN ORDER SUBMIT TO THEM THE TWO PRECONDITIONS PROPOSED BY GENERAL GOWON, I.E., THAT NATIONAL UNITY "NE SOIT PAS REMISE EN CAUSE", AND THAT THE SECESSIONISTS RECOGNIZE THE TWELVE-STATE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE. EASUM

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SUBJECT: LOCAL REPRINT OF LAGOS ANTI-PC STORY.

1. FOLLOWING ITEM (TRANSLATED IN FULL) APPEARED IN YESTERDAY'S
INFO TECHAD, OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NEWS BULLETIN.

2. "LAGOS." THE ROLE OF THE AMERICAN PEACE CORPS IN THE NIGERIAN
CRISIS, IN HARMONY WITH THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA
AND THE FAVORITISM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE REBELS

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IS NO LONGER SECRET. WRITES THE DAILY PRO-GOVERNMENT "MORNING POST".

2. " THE NEWSPAPER INDICATES THAT THE CASES MARKED FOR THE CORPS
OF VOLUNTEERS AND WHICH WERE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE AMERICAN
CONSULATE IN ENUGU CONTAINED MUNITIONS DESTINED TO THE BIAFRAN
REBELS. THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE, THOMAS ADEMOLA, MEMBER OF

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SUBJECT: Arthur Gibson

1. NYTimes Nov 22 carries following story datelined Lagos: QTE
2. An American tourist has been imprisoned here without charge since Nov 4 in one of series incidents in which travelers in Nigeria have been detained, delayed or expelled.
3. The American, Arthur Gibson 3rd, ~~xxxx~~ retired construction engineer from Los Angeles, had been on tour of world. He apparently being detained because he sought travel from Lagos directly to Portuguese territory Angola.
4. American diplomats were refused permission see him today. But they saw him last week and reported he said he was being well-treated and had made no request for their help in seeking his release.
5. Security officials in Nigeria have become suspicious of strangers during country's civil war. Asking directions to Angola arouses suspicions of Nigerians because secessionist Eastern Nigeria is believed be receiving extensive Portuguese support for its war effort. UNQTE

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SUBJECT: LAGOS PRESS ON EFFECT OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS
IN EAST

1. LAGOS PRESS NOV 21 CARRIED HEADLINES ANNOUNCING
"SANCTIONS BITE HARDER: EMEKA GOES ON GOAT MILK"
(MORNING POST). "GALLON OF PETROL NOW COSTS 25 SHILINGS;
PUBLIC REACTION AGAINST REBEL REGIME GETTING HIGH" (PILOT).
ARTICLES ARE ROUGHLY THE SAME IN ALL PAPERS. WE UNDERSTAND
SOURCE IS UNSIGNED RELEASE FROM SO-CALLED "PUBLICITY
COMMITTEE" OF MIN INFORMATION. ARTICLE SAID TO BE BASED
ON REPORTS READING LAGOS FROM "EASTERN STATE." TRANS-
PORTERS SAID TO BE CASHING IN ON HARDSHIP BY CHARGING
HEAVY FEES TO EVACUATE CIVILIANS FROM COMBAT AREAS.

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FOODSTUFFS VERY SCARCE, SALT HAS BECOME A LUXURY.
IMPORTED MILK NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. PEOPLE IN AREAS
CONTROLLED BY REBELS MAKE DO WITH GOAT MILK WHEN
AVAILABLE. FEW PEOPLE REMAIN IN LARGE CITIES LIKE ABA
AND UMUAHIA. SOME PAPERS COUPLE REPORTS OF HARDSHIPS

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IN EAST WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR REPORTS THAT POPULATION BEGINNING TO RETURN TO ENUGU.

2. IN SAME VEIN, LAGOS RADIO CARRYING BROADCAST VERSION SAME ARTICLE, AND FOLLOWING IT WITH EXAGGERATED VERSION EASTERN RADIO REPORT (BBIS 171300Z) THAT CIVIL SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES STATUTORY CONTRIBUTIONS IN EAST "BEING OBLIGED" TO CONTRIBUTE 25 PERCENT OF SALARY TO WAR EFFORT, 5 PERCENT AS "LEVY" AND 20 PERCENT TO PURCHASE BONDS. TEXT OF EASTERN BROADCAST NOTES ONLY THAT THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO CONTRIBUTE 5 PERCENT OF PAY TO WAR EFFORT, AND SUGGESTED THAT WORKERS MAKING MORE THAN 800 POUNDS ANNUALLY SHOULD PURCHASE BONDS UP TO 20 PERCENT OF GROSS PAY, THOSE EARNING LESS 800 POUNDS WOULD PURCHASE BONDS UP TO 10 PERCENT OF PAY.

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3. WE HAVE NO WAY OF CHECKING SUBSTANCE THESE REPORTS, BUT GIVEN CAPTURE OF CALABAR AND VIRTUAL CLOSURE BORDER WITH CAMEROON, FEDERAL BLOCKADE SHOULD BE ALMOST COMPLETELY EFFECTIVE. IMPORTED COMMODITIES NOTED ABOVE SHOULD BE IN SHORT SUPPLY. SIMILARLY, IN ABSENCE NORMAL DUTIES ON TRADE AND PRODUCTION, EASTERN GOVT MUST RELY VERY LARGELY ON "CONTRIBUTIONS" BY WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS.
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SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMQ/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR
DIACO: CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C; DA FOR ACSI.

1. FOLLOWING AVAILABLE FROM RELIABLE SOURCES ARMY HQ 21 NOV:
A. ENUGU AREA: ON EARLY MORNING 20 NOV, IN ATTEMPT LINK UP
ELEMENTS THIRD BRIGADE, FIRST DIV, NOW BELIEVED ON OUTSKIRTS
NKALAGU, ELEMENTS FIRST BRIGADE, FIRST DIV, ATTEMPTED WEST TO
EAST CROSSING EKELU RIVER AT EMENE. ALTHOUGH FOOTHOLD EASTERN

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BANK OBTAINED, ATTEMPT CONTAINED BY DEFENDING REBEL BN EAST BANK
AND FEDERAL FORCES UNSUCCESSFUL IN ATTEMPT. FEDERAL TROOPS TOOK
"SOME CASUALTIES".

B. MID-WEST: ARMY STAFF MEMBER WHO VISITED MID-WEST 17-20 NOV
REPORTS SEVENTH BRIGADE, UNDER COMMAND LTC GODWIN ALLY, HAS
RETURNED ASABA FROM ILLUSHI AREA. REASON TO BELIEVE

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PROBLEM MAY EXIST HERE IN THAT ASSAULT TROOPS REPORTED HAVE REFUSED CROSS RIVER IN BULLET DAMAGED BOATS WHICH ORIGINALLY UTILIZED FOR ABORTIVE FEDERAL ATTEMPT CROSS ASABA TO ONITSHA MID-OCTOBER. SEVENTH BRIGADE, COMPTSED TEN, SEVENTY-ONE, AND SEVENTY-TWO BNS, AND EIGHTH BRIGADE, COMMANDED BY LTC FRANCIS OLORUNFEMI AISIDA, COMPOSED OF ELEVEN, EIGHTY-ONE AND EIGHTY-TWO BNS, NOW STATIONED ASABA. SOURCE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ASABA RECEIVED DAILY, SPORADIC MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ONITSHA SIDE RIVER, ASABA SHOWS LITTLE DAMAGE AND APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD CIVILIAN POPULATION HAVE RETURNED TO CITY. C. SAME ARMY STAFF MEMBER REPORTS BENIN GARRISONED BY NINE BRIGADE, COMMANDER LTC ADEDOKUN ADEGBOYEGA ADENIRAN, WHO ALSO BENIN GARRISON COMMANDER, COMPOSED OF NINETY-ONE AND NINETY-FIVE BNS. SIX BRIGADE, COMMANDED BY LTC IPOOLA ALAMI AKINRINADE NOW

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LOCATED UROMI (LOCATION SIXTY ONE BN) AND UBIAJA AREAS.
D. DATT COMMENT: INTERESTING EXERCISE IN COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS NOTED IN LTC MURTALLE MUHAMMED'S, (MUSLIM HAUSA, KANO) SECOND DIV WHERE ONE BRIGADE COMMANDER, ALLY, IS OGOJA MAN, WHILE OTHER THREE ARE YORUBA ALTHOUGH AKINRINADE NORTHERN BORN. ALL EXCEPT ADENIRAN SANDHURST GRADS AS BOTH GOWON AND MUHAMMED.

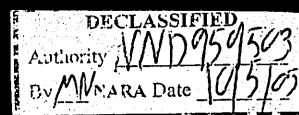
2. AIR FORCE: THREE-29 DELFINS SEEN BENIN AIRFIELD 19 NOV.
ONE WESTLAND WHIRLWIND HELICOPTER, TWO WHITE EXPATS AS CREW,
SEEN UMUNEDE, HQ SECOND DIV, 19 NOV.

3. NAVAL ACTIVITY: NO CHANGE.

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SUBJ: OAU-COS MISSION TO NIGERIA

1. FONMIN KETEMA THIS MORNING TOLD ME EMPEROR WOULD PROCEED
LAGOS NOV 22. ANKRAH, AHIDJO AND DIORI EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE
IN MISSION. MOFA WILL ANNOUNCE EMPEROR'S PLANS TODAY. MOFA

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NOT RPT NOT OVERLY CONCERNED RE TUBMAN NON-ATTENDANCE. OTHER
MOFA SOURCES HAVE INDICATED VIEW THAT THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH
ADVERSE PUBLICITY ABOUT TUBMAN'S PLANS THAT MISSION MIGHT
BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM. KETEMA DOES NOT SHARE THIS VIEW
AND BELIEVES TUBMAN'S EARLIER EFFORTS WRONGLY INTERPRETED BY

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2. KETEMA SAID THAT IF OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING DETP OR AMB MATHEWS COULD DO TO ENCOURAGE FMG TO ACCEPT GRACEFULLY NECESSITY FOR MISSION TO TALK TO OJUKWU. KETEMA BELIEVES HIM COULD EXERCISE MAJOR INFLUENCE IN SUCH TALK AND THAT SUCH CONVERSATION ESSENTIAL TO SECURE IBO ACCEPTANCE FMG TERMS.

3. ON LEAVING FONMIN'S OFFICE I RAN INTO NIGERIAN AMB HAASTRUP WHO ON HIS WAY TO SEE KETEMA. HAASTRUP EXPRESSED PLEASURE MISSION GOING TO LAGOS AND REITERATED HOPE IT WOULD ACT AS MODERATING INFLUENCE ON FMG (ADDIS 1410), AS WELL AS UNDERWRITING ANY OFFER FMG MIGHT MAKE TO REBELS. I ASSUME KETEMA INTENDED ASKE HAASTRUP PREPARE WAY FOR MISSION REQUEST

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FOR MEETING WITH OJUKWU AND SO I DID NOT MENTION THIS
POSSIBILITY TO HAASTRUP.
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1. RELIABLE SOURCES ARMY HQ PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFO MORNING
20 NOVEMBER:
A. ENUGU: YET ANOTHER REBEL ATTACK AGAINST FEDERAL POSITIONS
SOUTHEAST OUTSKIRTS ENUGU COMMENCED 180300Z NOV. LATEST ATCK IN
TWO COMPANY STRENGTH NORTH ALONG AXIS RAILROAD WHICH TAKES OFF

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SOUTHEAST FROM ENUGU IN DIRECTION AYO STATION 10624N 0731E) AT
NYABA RIVER. OBJECTIVE APPEARED BE POSITIONS FEDERAL TWENTY BN
VICINITY LEGISLATURE BUILDINGS. ALTHOUGH ATTACK AGAIN SUPPORTED
BY MORTAR AND ARTY FIRE IT REPTRT "NOT HEAVY" AND SURPRISINGLY
INACCURATE. FURTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE IN SECTOR HOWEVER. SOURCES
AGAIN REPORT HEAVY REBEL CASUALTIES AS OPPOSED LIGHT FEDERAL
CASUALTIES. FEDERAL SOURCES ENUGU BELIEVE REBELS HAVE AT LEAST

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THREE 105MM HOTIZERS OPERATING ALONG AGBANNI (0618N 0734E) -
OROKU (0608N 0659E) ROAD. REF PAR 1B, MY 0474 NOV 67. THERE
HAVE BEEN NO REBEL ATTACKS AGAINST FED POSITIONS NINE MILE
CORNER SINCE FEDERAL FORCES OCCUPIED HIGH GROUND POSITIONS VIC
OKPARA COAL MINES SW ENUGU.
B. CALABAR: CALABAR PROPER QUIET. SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS
REPORTED FROM FED FORCES MOVING NORTH CALABAR TOWARD IKOT OKPORO.
C. MID-WEST: IN ADDITION FED BUILDUP NIGER RIVER TOWN ILLUSHI
REPORTED REF PAR, THERE ALSO APPEARS BE ANOTHER FED BUILDUP NIGER
RIVER VILLAGE OKO ANALA (0610N 0641E) APPROX SEVEN MILES SOUTH
ASABA. STRENGTH REMAINING ASABA PROPER APPEARS BE NO MORE THAN
APPROX BN REINFORCED. EVIDENCE CONTINUES BUILDUP FEDERAL
SUPPLIES GENERAL AREA TOWN AGBOR (0615N 0612E).

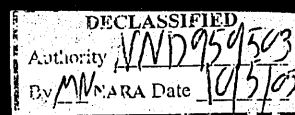
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2. NAVY: REF PAR 4A, MY 0474 NOV 67. RUSSIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL
REF PAR COMMENCE TRAINING NIGERIAN NAVAL CREW FOR PATROL BOATS
20 NOV. COMPLETELY KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE REPORTS 72000 ROUNDS
25MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARRIVED WITH BOATS. THIS FOR TWIN 25MM AA
MOUNTS EACH BOAT. IN VIEW RATE FIRE 450 RPM, HOWEVER, THIS NOT
CONSIDERED LARGE QUANTITY AMMO.
3. AIR FORCE: U.K. SOURCES SAY DOUGLAS LINDSAY OF ASTRAVIA/
GENEVA AT PRESENT IN CANADA IN ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE SALE TEN
DEHAVILLAND DH6 TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT FOR NAF. LINDSAY, WHO
REPORTED CONNECTED RECENT SALE HILLER HELICOPTER TO CABINET
OFFICE, STATES HE SOLE AGENT FMG AND PREPARED PAY CASH FOR
PURCHASE ONE SUC AIRCRAFT FOR DEMO IN NIGERIA. AS OTTER DOES
NOT HAVE RANGE OR PAYLOAD CAPACITY OF CARIBOU FOR WHICH CANADIAN
GOVT HAS RECENTLY ISSUED EXPORT LICESNCES FOR SALE OF FIVE TO FMG;
THERE ARE SOME HERE WHO BELIEVE LINDSAY MAY "HAVE DONE BUSSINESS"
WITH AIR FORCE COMMANDER ALAO WITH WHOME HE VERY FRIENDLY.
CANADIAN SOURCE HERE SAY NAF STILL SHOWS STRONG INTEREST IN
PURCHASE NINE TO TWELVE DE HAVILLAND CARIBOU AND THAT
DE HAVILLAND APPEARS CONFIDENT SALE CARIBOU WILL BE MADE ALTHOUGH
NO FMG PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE. FMG REPORTEDLY LOOKING FOR MORE

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LIBERAL FINANCING TERMS THAN AVAILABLE; NIGERIAN REP, HOWEVER, REPORTED HAVE TOLD DE HAVILLAND FMG WOULD BUY CARIBOU BUT WOULD TAKE ONLY THREE AIRCRAFT INITIALLY.

4. REFERENCE RECENT EMBASSY REPRTING ON CONNINGS AND GOINGS RED CROSS BALAIR DC4 AIRCRAFT. PILOT OF AIRCRAFT HAS TOLD RELIABLE SOURCES IKEJA AIRPORT THAT:
A. PLANE LEFT IKEJA EARLY 17 NOV FOR FERNANDO POO. FINALLY ARRIVED PORT HARCOURT 171200A, REMAINED TWO HOURS AND RETURNED FERNANDO POO. MADE SECOND TRIP HARCOURT 1800PPA. REMAINED HARCOURT THIRTY MINUTES AND RETURNED IKEJA. WHILE PLANE ON GROUND ONE NAF L29 CIRCLED AIRPORT AT CONSIDERABLE HEIGHT.
B. ON APPROACHED PORT HARCOURT CAPTAIN CALLED CONTROL TOWER ON VHF USING 119.8 MCS USING CALL SIGN "WS" FOLLOWED BY IDENTIFICATION. ON REQUEST FOR NON-DIRECTIONAL BEACON, SIGNAL RECEIVED LOUD AND CLEAR WHICH LED PILOT CONCLUDE BEACON IN FREQUENT USE. PILOT REPORTS AIRFIELD AND BUILDINGS UNDAIMAGED ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL OIL PATCHES ON TARMAC. ONE LARGE CAMOUFLAGE COVERED PLANE (POSSIBLE DC3 OR B25) PARKED ON EDGE RUNWAY AT HARCOURT. PILOT APPROACHED EXPAT BISHOP, NAME UNKNOWN TO SOURCE, WHO ASKED PLANE EVAC "TWENTY-SEVEN INJURED EXPAT

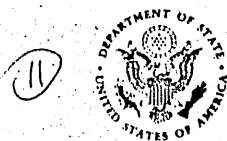
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MISSIONARIES FROM INTERIOR". CAPTAIN RELAYED REQUEST IKEJA BY RADIO WHERE PERMISSION REFUSED ON GROUND FLIGHT NOT AUTHORIZED FOR MEDICAL EVAC. CAPTAIN SUSPECTS DECISION MADE AT NO HIGHER LEVEL THAN IKEJA ITSELF.

5. MISCELLANEOUS: OB CHANGE-LTC SULE APOLLO POSTED FROM ARMY HQ TO SUPREME MIL HEADQUARTERS, DODAN, AS GSO I (PLANS AND TRAINING). GP3

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DIORI'S ATTITUDE REGARDING LAGOS MEETING REMAINS AS
EXPRESSED OUR TEL 626. HE IS WILLING PARTICIPATE BUT

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INCREASINGLY DUBIOUS OF ANY USEFUL RESULT UNLESS MISSION
CAN CONTACT BIAFRANS. DIORI FLYING ABIDJAN TUESDAY 21ST,

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REF: STATE'S 717621 MONROVIA'S 2010, 1690 AND 1683

I, SECRETARY GRIMES AND I WENT TO TOTOTA TO SEE PRESIDENT
TUBMAN TODAY. I PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT THE DEPARTMENT'S
VIEWS ON THE NOVEMBER 22 MEETING OF THE OAU CONSULTATIVE

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MISSION AND URGED HIM TO REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE IN ORDER
TO ATTEND. THE PRESIDENT LISTENED COURTEOUSLY AND THEN
PROCEEDED TO GIVE ME THE REAL REASON HE IS NOT GOING.
TUBMAN SAID THAT WHEN HE SENT HIS MESSAGE TO GENERAL GOWON ON
OCTOBER 23 EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF

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FROM : Ambassador DAR ES SALAAM

DATE: November 20, 1967

SUBJECT: Letter re Ojukwu

REF :

TANU's English-language daily, The Nationalist, printed a letter to the editor in its November 20 issue fulsomely praising Nigerian secessionist leader Colonel Ojukwu. Okukwu is described as having "vision and courage" and as being the equal in greatness of Lincoln and Kenyatta. The letter denounces Nigeria's "unprovoked war of aggression on the people of Biafra" and denounces foreign news media (BBC and NBC) for reporting Nigerian successes. The letter praises the unity between the people of "Biafra" and Ojukwu. The letter is signed by "A.S.O. Okwu," but The Nationalist does not identify him as the secessionists' agent in Dar es Salaam.

COMMENT: The appearance of a letter such as this in the TANU party press (where letters to the editor are rarely completely bona fide) could indicate that the Tanzanian establishment's sympathy for the "Biafran" cause still lingers on.

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1. SINCE TUBMAN RETURNED TO TOTATA LAST NIGHT FROM GUINEA AND
WILL NOT BE IN MONROVIA UNTIL TONIGHT, NOVEMBER 19, I SAW

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GRIMES AND MADE APPROACH REQUESTED REFTEL. GRIMES REPLIED
THAT TUBMAN HAS LONG STANDING COMMITMENT TO SPEAK AT
GRADUATION EXERCISES AT BOOKER WASHINGTON INSTITUTE ON
THURSDAY, NOV. 23 AND AT CUTTINGTON COLLEGE SUNDAY NOV.
26. THESE COMMITMENTS MADE LONG BEFORE OAU MEETING AT WHICH

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1. New York Times Nov 11 had following editorial on Nigeria and OAU Mission, entitled "Top Priority for Nigeria."
2. QUOTE Most important among ingredients needed to end Nigeria's civil war would be arrival in that country of promised peace mission of OAU. Incredibly this event, crucial not only for Nigeria but for all of Africa, seems further away now than when OAU created mission at its summit meeting in Congo two months ago.
3. In mission's absence Ibos of secessionist Biafra will never believe guarantees of security and promises of conciliation and restitution which federal government in Lagos has now spelled out in greater detail than ever before. If six African heads of state were present, those responsible Ibo leaders who have never favored secession--and there are some--might now come forward to negotiate an end to shooting.

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4. Without OAU mission, Nigeria's General Gowon is certain to have trouble maintaining against hawkish elements in his own Government open door and generous terms for Ibos which obviously have been fashioned with great care. If secession is ended, Nigerian officials have promised there will be no military occupation of Ibo territory. They guarantee, to leaders chosen by Ibos themselves, participation in renewed negotiations over ~~the~~ division of powers between Central Government and states. They pledge rehabilitation and jobs for "all soldiers, on whichever side they had fought."
5. One of OAU mission's most important tasks would be to apply discreet pressure to keep ~~the~~ federal government moving on these promising lines and to maintain OAU observers to help insure execution of these policies. This would not be easy. Some Lagos officials do not want OAU interference and would rather try for a crushing victory over Ibos.
6. With so much at stake it is inexcusable that heads of government have so long delayed their OAU mission. The mission's elder statesmen, Emperor Haile Selassie and President Tubman of Liberia, have made greatest efforts to get show on road, but so far six have been unable to agree on date.
7. This is preposterous. These men need to remember that standing and perhaps future of OAU are at stake, along with Nigeria's fate. Only Africans can nudge two sides toward settlement in Nigeria. Hour is terribly late and there can be no higher priority for Africans. UNQUOTE

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1. ENUGU AREA: REF PAR 1A, MY 0466 NOV 67; IN SERIES
CONVERSATIONS 17 NOV WITH SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS AND EXTREMELY
KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPATS THAT WERE IN ENUGU DURING PERIOD REPORTED
11 NOV ATTACK, DATT AND DAO STAFFERS BELIEVE THREE PRONGED
ATTACK DESCRIBED REPRESENTED GENUINE AND "ALL-OUT" REBEL ATTEMPT

PAGE 2 RUTALS 4475/ICC SECRET
RETAKE ENUGU FROM FEDERAL FORCES. ALL EYE WITNESSES DESCRIBE
HEAVY REBEL ARTILLERY FIRE FROM AREA EAST OF MENE AND "VERY
HEAVY" MORTAR FIRE IN SUPPORT ALL THREE OF APPARENTLY
COORDINATED ATTACKS. ALL SOURCES ALSO DESCRIBE "VERY HEAVY" REBEL

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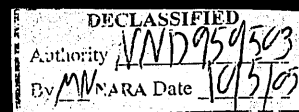
CASUALTIES AND "SURPRISINGLY LIGHT" FEDERAL CASUALTIES DESPITE SIZE AND FURY OF REBEL ATTACKS ALL OF WHICH REPULSED. ENUGU.

AT NITE, HOWEVER, IS UNDER COMPLETE BLACKOUT AND SNIPER FIRE FROM MILES PREVAILS THROUGHOUT MOST OF NITE.
B. EXPAT SOURCES, LONG RESIDENT NIGERIA, MOST COMPLEMENTARY HIGH STATE DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT SHUWA'S FIRST DIV TROOPS. THESE SOURCES DESCRIBE FEDERAL FIRST BRIGADE COMMANDER, DANJUMA, AS EXCELLENT OFFICER AND GOOD DISCIPLINARIAN WHO STILL, HOWEVER, HAS "HIS HANDS FULL" AT ENUGU. DANJUMA BELIEVES BULK HIS TROUBLE WITH NIGHT INFILTRATORS AND DAYLIGHT SNIPERS COMING FROM HILLS AND MINES IN AREA OKPARA COAL MINES SOUTHWEST OF ENUGU. DANJUMA HAS NOW STATIONED FEDERAL TWENTY-TWO BN THIS AREA IN ATTEMPT "CLEAN SITUATION UP". EXPAT SOURCES FEEL DANJUMA SOMEWHAT HANDICAPPED IN OPERATIONS IN AND AROUND ENUGU BY LACK FAMILIARITY DETAILED LAYOUT CITY AND SURROUNDING HILLS. MUCH OF EXPATS TIME WAS SPENT GOING OVER SIGNIFICANT DETAILS OF AREA

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WITH DANJUMA. MOVE TWENTY-TWO BN TO COAL MINE AREA WAS ONE RESULT THESE CONVERSATIONS.
C. DANJUMA AND OTHER FMG SOURCES BELIEVE REBEL PLANES STILL OPERATING FROM AIR STRIP CONVERTED FROM NEW STRETCH HIGHWAY TEN EAST TOWN AWKA (0613N 0710E). THESE SOURCES BELIEVE STRAIGHT STRETCH HIGHWAY APPROX FIVE MILES LONG HAS BEEN BLOCKED OFF FROM POINT JUST EAST AWKA TO LOCATION AMANSE SCHOOL AT VILLAGE UKUKWA-AMANSE (0615N 0708E). ROAD BY-PASS HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED NORTH THIS STRETCH ROUTE TEN USING EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS AND BUSH TRAILS, RUNNING NORTH FROM AWKA TO VILLAGE IFITE AWKA (0615N 0700E), EAST TO VILLAGE EGBAGU AMANSI (0616N 0708E) AND SOUTH TO UKUKWA-AMANSE. THESE SOURCES ALSO BELIEVE REBEL FORCES HAVE "RELATIVELY LARGE" PETROL AND MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA LOCATED IN "DEEP ROCK QUARRY SOUTH OF AWKA". SOURCE UNABLE PINPOINT SPECIFIC LOCATION, BUT INFO BELIEVED COME FROM ISU INFORMANTS WHO EXPAT SOURCES CERTAIN ARE REPORTING TO DANJUMA IN ENUGU. EXPAT SOURCES FELT DANJUMA NOT KEEN ON MOVING SOUTH FROM ENUGU UNTIL HE IN BETTER CONTROL SITUATION IN AREA SURROUNDING ENUGU TO WEST, SOUTH AND EAST. THESE SOURCES, HOWEVER, REPORTED STEADY STREAM TOOP REINFORCEMENTS "PURING INTO ENUGU" FROM MAKURDI AND

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D. EXPAT RAILWAY ENGINEER FROM RAILWAY CORP, AS RESULT INSPECTION RAIL SHOPS ENUGU, SAID REBELS HAD USED SHOPS NOT ONLY FOR FABRICATION HOME MADE ARMORED VEHICLES BUT ALSO FOR MANUFACTURE AERIAL BOMBS, MORTARS AND HAND GRENADES. MUCH EVIDENCE ALL THESE OPERATIONS ON SCENE.

2. ON TRIP INTO AND BACK OUT ENUGU, EXPAT SOURCES STAYED SOME TIME AT MAKURDI. AS OF 15 NOV STILL FIVE MIGS, ONE DELFIN AND ONE DC-3 OPERATING FROM MAKURDI. MIGS BEING MAINTAINED, AND PERHAPS FLOWN, BY "15 OR 16 EGYPTIANS". SOURCES ALSO SAW "ONE DUTCHMAN, ONE SOUTH AFRICAN, AND TWO AUSTRALIANS" AT MAKURDI, WHO ALS BELIEVED FLYING FOR FMG. DC-3 FLOWN BY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "BONZO BOND" WHO DOING MOST FMG AERIAL PHOTO WORK WITH DC-3. IN OFFICE FIRST DIV INTELL OFFICER IN MAKURDI (MAJOR IBRAHIM ASMAD BAKO- SANDHURST GRAD) SOURCES SAW GREAT DEAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY HUNG ON WALLS. FROM LONG KNOWLEDGE AREA, SOURCES IDENTIFIED VAST BULK PHOTOGRAPHY AS "PORT HARCOURT" AND APPROACHES THERETO". SHUWA, DANJUMA, BAKO ALL "UNHAPPY" WITH

MIGS BECAUSE RANGE AND PAYLOAD NOT UP TO FMG OPERATIONAL

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REQUIREMENTS PRESENT CIVIL WAR.

3. REF PAR 3, MY 0468 NOV 67: EVIDENCE SUPPORTING BELIEF FMG ATTACK ACCROSS NIGER WITH TARGET ONITSHA STILL BUILDING UP. KNOWLEDGEABLE AMCIT SOURCES OF EMBASSY OFFICER, WHO STATIONED AND COMPLETELY FAMILIAR MID-WESTERN STATE, REPORTS FOLLOWING:
A. ON 16 NOV, DRIVING SOUTH FROM TOWN IRRUA (0645N 0614E) SOURCE WAS STOPPED AT CROSS ROADS TOWN IGUEBEN (0637N 0615E) WHILE CONVOY FORTY-TWO MIL LORRIES "LOADED WITH TROOPS AND SUPPLIES" PASSED BY HEADED FOR NIGERI RIVER TOWN ILLUSHI (0641N 0638) APPROX THIRTY-SIX MILES NORTH OF ASABA/ONITSHA. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER LORRIES HAD ALREADY

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PASSED CROSSROADS PRIOR ARRIVAL SOURCE. (ILLUSHI DESTINATION
CONVOY REPORTED BY SOLDIERS AT IGUEBEN AND CONFIRMED SUBSEQUENTLY
BY CIVILIANS SAME TOWN AND CIVILIANS AT VILLAGE ISSELE-UKU
(0619N 0629E) FROM WHICH LAST FEDERAL BN, THE THIRD, LEFT FOR
ILLUSHI 161800Z NOV). BAPTIST HOSP AT ISSELE-UKU HAS BEEN
RETURNED BY FMG TO CIVILIAN USE. HOSPITAL STAFFERS SAY TROOPS
WENT TO ILLUSHI.
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SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR
DIACI, CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-CI DA FOR ACSI.
B. ON 12 NOV THERE WERE THREE LT COLONELS STATIONED AT ASABA WITH
THEIR UNITS. ALL THREE THESE NOW GONE WITH THEIR UNITS. ONE NEW
BN, THE 83RD, COMMANDED BY MAJOR PAUL OGBEGBOR, HAS NOW MOVED INTO
ASABA FROM LAGOS VIA EKPOMA (0650N 0609E).
C. "TOWN GOSSIP" IN MID-WEST IS THAT FMG SHIFTING TROOPS TO

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ILLUSHI IN PREP CROSSING NIGER THAT POINT IN ATTEMPT LINK UP
FMG FORCES NSUKKA/ENUGU SECTOR. CROSSING ATTEMPT WILL MAKE USE
ISLAND IN NIGER NORTH AND SOUTH OF ILLUSHI. THESE RUMORS HAVE
INITIAL OBJECTIVE FMG AS ROAD TERMINUS VILLAGE OGURUGU 0647N
0657E) WHICH ALSO LOCATED ON ANAMBRA RIVER NETWORK LEADING SOUTH
TO ONITSHA EAST OF NIGER RIVER.

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D. SOURCE POINTS OUT THAT RIVER NIGER NOW FALLING RAPIDLY WITH
END RAINY SEASON AND CROSSING FAR LESS HAZARDOUS OPERATION NOW
THAN IT WAS WITH FULL FLOOD CONDITIONS WHICH REVAILED AT TIME
LAST FMG ATTEMPT AT CROSSING FROM ASABA TO ONITSHA.

4. NAVAL VICINITY:

A. THREE NEW SOVIET ORIGIN PATROL BOATS NOW MOORED NAVAL BASE
APAPA. TWO RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS AND ELEVEN RUSSIAN NAVAL RATINGS
ARE STATIONED AT BASE FOR PURPOSE INSTRUCTING NIGERIAN NAVY PERSONNEL
IN USE AND HANDLING THESE BOATS.

B. FRIGATE NNS NIGERIA SAILED FROM APAPA 160500ANOV.

C. REF PAR 3, MY 0470 NOV 67; ESTHEL REPORTED TO HAVE CARRIED
APPROX 1200 TROOPS ON VOYAGE TO CALABAR.

5. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. LTC ADEKUNLE HAS MOVED HQ HIS THIRD DIV FROM CALABAR TO BONNY.

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B. AMCONSUL IBADAN SOURCE REPORTS APPROX FORTY BEDFORD TANKER
TRUCKS, 3000 GALLON FUEL OR WATER CAPACITY, AT AREA COMMAND
HQ IBADAN ON 17 NOV. TANKERS WERE FABRICATED BY NIGER WEST
STEEL COMPANY ON BEDFORD CHASSIS SUPPLIED BY BEWAC CORP.
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SUBJ: ZIK LETTER TO LONDON TIMES NOV. 16.

1. LETTER FROM FORMER PRESIDENT AZIKIWE OF NIGERIA TO
LONDON TIMES PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 16 CONTAINS IDEAS SIMILAR THOSE IN
EARLIER REPORTS THAT ZIK HAD SENT LETTER TO TIMES

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OR MADE STATEMENT IN PORT HARCOURT (LAGOS 4208, 4257).

2. PRINCIPAL POINTS IN LETTER ARE:

A. LETTER IS REPLY TO ARTICLE BY WILLIAM NORRIS ENTITLED "PROBLEMS OF FUTURE PEACE IN NIGERIA: LAGOS LOOKS TO DR. AZIKIWE" WHICH PUBLISHED IN TIMES OCT 17, 1967. ARTICLE SAID ZIK WAS "IN MONROVIA AT PRESENT." ZIK'S LETTER DENIED THAT HE WAS IN MONROVIA OCT 17. SAID HE "ORDINARILY RESIDENT AT ONITSHA FROM JULY 9, 1967 TILL OCTOBER 4, WHEN HE MOVED TO ANOTHER PART OF BIAFRA.

B. ARTICLE SAID ZIK LEFT BIAFRA FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION EARLY IN CRISIS. ZIK'S LETTER DENIES THIS, SAYS HE WAS AT NSUKKA FROM FEB 26, 1966 UNTIL JULY 9, 1967.

C. ARTICLE SAID ZIK AGREED TO RETURN TO NIGERIA TO BROADCAST APPEALS TO BIAFRA AND LATER, IF SUCCESSFUL, TO BECOME REPRE-

SENTATIVE OF EAST CENTRAL STATE IN FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC). ZIK DENIES THIS, SAYS HE WAS NOT APPROACHED BY ANYBODY TO RETURN AND HAS NOT CONFERRED WITH ANYBODY ABOUT BROADCASTING TO BIAFRA. SUGGESTION THAT HE REPRESENT ONE STATE ON FEC IS "PERSONAL AFFRONT" AFTER HAVING SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA. "ALTHOUGH I WOULD NOT RULE OUT MY BEING AVAILABLE TO GIVE COUNSEL, IF AND WHEN DESIRED."

D. ZIK DENIED NORRIS' ALLEGATION THAT ZIK MADE CONDITION THAT ONITSHA MUST BE CAPTURED FIRST BECAUSE HE FEARED REPRISALS AGAINST RELATIVES. ZIK DID NOT DISCUSS SUCH MATTER WITH ANYBODY.

E. ZIK DENIED HE PLANNED RETURN TO ACTIVE POLITICS, SAYING "I HAVE NO MOTIVE WHATSOEVER TO DO SO NOW, JUST AS I STATED IN DECEMBER, 1959 WHEN I PREFERRED TO ACCEPT THE POST OF A FIGURE-HEAD GOVERNOR-GENERAL RATHER THAN BE PRIME MINISTER, WHICH WAS OFFERED ME BY THE ACTION GROUP IF I AGREED TO FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH THEM AGAINST THE NORTHERN PEOPLES CONGRESS."

F. ON CIVIL WAR, ZIK STATES "THE PRESENT CIVIL WAR HAS REACHED A STAGE WHERE IT MUST BE ADMITTED THAT THE ONLY

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HONOURABLE APPROACH IS TO CONCEDE CERTAIN REALITIES OF HISTORY, TO WIT: THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES; THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE NIGERIA POLICE; THE DISPLACEMENT OF TWO MILLION NIGERIANS; THE DISLOCATION OF THOUSANDS OF NON-EASTERN NIGERIANS ORIGINALLY RESIDENT IN EASTERN NIGERIA; THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NIGERIAN FEDERATION; AND THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE NIGERIAN ECONOMY."

G. ON COUPS OF 1966, ZIK STATES: "I REGRET PERSONALLY WHAT HAPPENED ON JANUARY 15, 1966, MAY 29, 1966, JULY 29, 1966 AND SEPTEMBER 29, 1966. AS I INFORMED THE BRITISH PRESS ON JANUARY 17, 1966, THE USE OF VIOLENCE HAD NEVER BEEN SANCTIONED BY ME AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE SOLUTION OF

POLITICAL PROBLEMS. IT IS CRYSTAL CLEAR FROM ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, JUDGING FROM WHAT IS DISSEMINATED REGULARLY IN THE NIGERIAN MASS MEDIA OF INFORMATION, THAT THE IBO IS NOT WANTED ANYWHERE IN NIGERIA. IT IS ONLY IN BIAFRA THAT THEY AND OTHER EASTERNERS HAVE FOUND A PLACE OF REFUGE. IN FACT, THE WORD 'IBO' HAS BECOME AN ATHEMA ALMOST EVERYWHERE IN NIGERIA."

H. ON FUTURE AND BIAFRA, ZIK SAID: "THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION

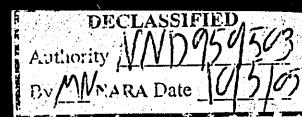
IS TO FACE THE FACTS OF CONTEMPORARY NIGERIAN HISTORY AND RECOGNISE THE NATURAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE IBO AND FELLOW EASTERNERS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND AUTONOMOUS EXISTENCE AS A FREE SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT NATION, CHRISTENED THE REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA. THIS IS THE STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY TO RESOLVE HONOURABLY THE PROBLEM OF FUTURE PEACE IN NIGERIA,

IN WHICH CASE I SHOULD BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE IN ANY REASONABLE MANNER. TO DO OTHERWISE, IS TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO AN UNJUSTIFIABLE POGROM AND INEXCUSABLE GENOCIDE OF EIGHT MILLION IBO-SPEAKING PEOPLES WITH SIX MILLION NON-IBO SPEAKING PEOPLES, CONTRARY TO THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF CIVILISED LIFE."

3. COMMENT. ON FACE OF IT, ZIK'S LETTER APPEARS PLAUSIBLE AND THE KIND OF LETTER HE MIGHT WRITE. BUT DOUBTS ARISE

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BECAUSE WE KNOW ZIK WAS IN MONROVIA PURSUING SOME KIND OF TALKS OR NEGOTIATIONS, ALTHOUGH HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THERE ON SPECIFIC DATE OF OCTOBER 17 MENTIONED IN LETTER. ONLY YESTERDAY ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR HERE EXPRESSED BELIEF ZIK HAS BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY AND THAT HE WAS REPORTED IN MALI

PAGE 6 RUTALS 4439CC C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ONLY TEN DAYS AGO. WE SUSPECT LETTER MIGHT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY ZIK UNDER SOME KIND OF DURESS. BUT IT INTERESTING THAT LETTER DOES NOT MENTION OJUKWU, DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE BOUNDARIS OF THE "BIAFRA" WHICH HE SAYS DESERVES INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE, AND DOES NOT SPEAK OF ANY CONDITIONS ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS WITH NIGERIA MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN. THUS IT IS FAR FROM BEING STRAIGHT BIAFRA LINE. WE SURMISE THAT ZIK'S LAST WORDS ON THIS CRISIS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SPOKEN.

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RE AMERICAN TECHNICIANS IN SAO TOME.

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SUBJECT: CURRENT SITUATION IN NIGERIA

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1. UK POLAD LED OFF IN POLADS DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 16
OF NIGERIAN SITUATION, AND HIS POINT OF DEPARTURE WAS THAT
IS IS NOW EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT BIAFRA CAN WIN MILITARY

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STRUGGLE WITH LOSS OF PORT FACILITIES TO FEDERAL FORCES,
BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ONLY ONE AIRPORT THROUGH WHICH THEY
CAN MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE WORLD AND BE RESUPPLIED.
UK BELIEVES TIME IS THEREFORE RIPE TO ENCOURAGE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE "GENEROUS SETTLEMENT" WITH BIAFRA

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AND TO CONCLUDE A CEASE-FIRE AS FIRST STEP. UK NOW DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MOVE THINGS IN THIS DIRECTION. UK POLAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MERCENARIES MIGHT BE INTRODUCED INTO SITUATION AND URGED ALLIES TO BE ON GUARD INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT THIS. AS FOR ARMS SUPPLY, HE STATED UK ARMS POLICY IS STILL TO AUTHORIZE ARMS EXPORTS ON COMMERCIAL TERMS TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT WITHIN STRICT LIMITS AS TO TYPE AND QUANTITY.

2. CANADIAN POLAD SAID BOTH SIDES APPEAR TO DESIRE NEGOTIATIONS AND CANADA HAS OFFERED "EITHER A SHIP OR AN AIRCRAFT" AS A NEUTRAL VENUE FOR TALKS. HE REMARKED THAT SOVIET 50TH ANNIVERSARY HAD BEEN GREETED WITH UNPRECEDENTED FANFARE IN LAGOS AND THAT GOMON HAD SPOKEN OF GREATER COOPERATION WITH USSR IN THE FUTURE. CANADIAN POLAD REPORTED

PAGE 3 RUHNA 458 C O N F I D E N T I A L
THAT IN REPLY TO CANADIAN QUERY, PERMANENT SECRETARY OGBU HAD SAID THAT REAPPRAISAL OF GON POLICY WAS UNDER WAY AND ATTITUDES ADOPTED BY OTHER STATES TOWARD CRISIS WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO OUTCOME. HOWEVER, BOTH OGBU DEPUTY AND COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THOUGHT PRESENT STATE OF SOVIET-NIGERIAN RELATIONS WAS TEMPORARY. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN INFORMATION, MIG AIRCRAFT HAVE NOT BEEN USED TO DATE AND ARE BEING MAINTAINED BY UAR GROUND CREWS SINCE ALGERIA REFUSED TO SUPPLY MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL.

3. US SUPPLEMENTED FOREGOING ON BASIS GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTEL.

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1. EASTERN NIGERIA SECESSIONIST RADIO CARRIED REPORT AT

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1200 GMT 14 NOV (TEXT MONITORED BY FBIS) THAT NIGERIAN
GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING SERVICES OF "FOUR NOTORIOUS MERCENARIES
WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE CONGO.
THE FOUR MEN ARE, MIKE HOARE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAD
MAJOR, V. COMMANDANT JOHN PETERSON, MAJOR CAPISTER WICKS, AND
MAJOR BOB DESNARD". ACCORDING THIS "VOICE OF BIAFRA" REPORT
NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON IS NEGOTIATING WITH

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THESE MERCENARIES. BROADCAST ALSO CLAIMS HOARE'S IDEA OF GOING TO NIGERIA WAS WIDELY PUBLISHED IN BRITISH PRESS, ESPECIALLY LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH.

2. INTRIGUING ASPECT THIS REPORT IS THAT MIKE HOARE IS

KNOWN TO HAVE GONE TO PORT HARCOURT TO SEE OJUKWU DURING OCTOBER. THEN IT WAS THOUGHT HOARE MIGHT PROVIDE MERCENARIES TO HELP OJUKWU IN GROUND FIGHTING AGAINST FMG. RADIO BIAFRA BROADCAST ON NOV 14 PROBABLY INDICATES THAT "MAD MIKE" TURNED DOWN OJUKWU'S OFFER. BROADCAST COULD MEAN ONLY THAT REBELS ARE ACCUSING FEDERALISTS OF DOING WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO. OR IT MIGHT MEAN THAT FMG HAS OFFERED TO PAY MORE FOR SERVICES OF THESE MERCENARIES THAN OJUKWU COULD AFFORD TO PAY. ANOTHER

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CASE OF PRE-EMPTIVE BUYING BY FMG OCCURRED LAST SUMMER WHEN SIX CZECH JETS (L-29) WERE BOUGHT BY FMG AFTER OJUKWU THOUGHT HE HAD DEALSEWED UP.

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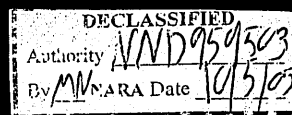
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SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO
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PAGE 2 RUTALS 4402CC S E C R E T
1. REF PAR 3, MY 0468 NOV 67. STUDY PHOTOS INDICATES
CONFIGURATION VERY CLOSELY MATCHES "PA 3" CLASS MOTOR TORPEDO
BOATS SHOWN PAGE 438, JANES, 1964/65. SAME HARBOR MASTER SOURCE,
HOWEVER, ON MORNING 16 NOV, GAVE DAO STAFFER INFO THAT BOATS 84
RPT 84 FEET LONG AND TWENTY FEET WIDE AND EACH WEIGHS 64 RPT 64
TONS. THIS WOULD SEEM TAKE BOATS OUT OF "PA 3" CLASS AND MOVE

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CLOSER TO "PA 5" CLASS WITH SPEED 42 KNOTS. NO TORPEDO TUBES
SEEN ON BOATS SO FAR. ALL THREE IN WATER AND UNDERGOING TRIALS
LAGOS HARBOR AFTERNOON 16 NOV. UNABLE DISTINGUISH AFRICAN OR
EUROPEAN FEATURES ON CREWS BECAUSE DISTANCES INVOLVED. IN
ADDITION 3 PATROL BOATS, USSURIYSK ALSO CARRIED 230 TONS
ADDITIONAL MIL CARGO FOR LAGOS.

2. REF CONAKRY 709 NOVEMBER 15: CARGO VESSEL MOZHAYSK BUILT
POLAND 1964, GROSS TONAGE 10107 TONS, 508 FT LONG, 66 FEET WIDE,
30 FOOT D DRAFT. LAGOS HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE HAS NO RECORD YET
VESSEL COMING LAGOS. DUE HER DRAFT, HOWEVER, WHICH IS MAXIMUM
FOR LAGOS HARBOR, VESSEL WOULD HAVE TO GO TO END STANDBY POOL TO
AWAIT PROPER TIDE WITH COMPLETE ABSENCE SWELLS. WILL STAY
CLOSE HARBOR MASTER THIS ONE.

3. REF PAR 6B, MY 0468 NOV 67: ESHEL SAILED LAGOS FOR CALABAR

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(SPECIAL LAGOS PILOT ON BOARD TO TAKE VESSEL INTO CALABAR)
151730 NOV.
4. ALL MILITARY FRONTS: NO CHANGE.

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JOINT CONSULATE-USIS MESSAGE

SUBJECT: IBADAN PAPER CRITICIZES US CONGRESSMEN

1. IBADAN DAILY SKETCH, OWNED BY WESTERN NIGERIAN GOVT, TODAY (NOV 15) PUBLISHED EDITORIAL CRITICAL OF RESOLUTION REPORTEDLY INTRODUCED IN US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY NINE CONGRESSMEN, LED BY CONGRESSMAN RESNICK (D-NY), CALLING ON PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO APPEAL FOR END OF HOSTILITIES IN NIGERIA.

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2. EDITORIAL DESCRIBES CONGRESSMEN'S ACTION AS NEW DIMENSION INTRODUCED TO NIGERIAN CRISIS BY AMERICA. SAYS CONGRESSMEN ILL INFORMED OR WOULD HAVE REALIZED OBSTACLE TO PEACE IN NIGERIA IS OJUKWU. SUGGESTS THEY COULD MORE PROFITABLY DIRECT THEIR APPEAL TO OJUKWU'S ENVOYS.

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3. EDITORIAL PARTICULARLY OBJECTS TO CONGRESSMEN'S ALLEGED REFERENCE TO "INDISCRIMINATE KILLING OF IBOS" WHICH IT CLAIMS IS "ILL-MOTIVATED" DISTORTION. ACUSES CONGRESSMEN OF DIRECTING ATTENTION FROM VIETNAM. CONCLUDES THAT THEY OWE NIGERIA FAIRNESS TO SPEAK TRUTH AND DIRECT PLEAS TO PROPER CHANNELS.

4. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON REPORTED RESOLUTION. HAVE SEEN ONLY BRIEF ACCOUNTS IN KADUNA NEW NIGERIAN AND LAGOS MORNING POST WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE PURPORTED QUOTATION RE IBOS. EXEMPT

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REF: LAGOS 4242

SUBJ: ALLEGED IMPLICATION AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICING AIRCRAFT
FOR BIAFRA.

RE PARA 4 REFTEL, DEPT'S ATTENTION IS INVITED TO
LISBON'S 522 REPEATED LAGOS AND LISBON 541 (PARA 9)
NOT REPEATED LAGOS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS SENT THOSE
MESSAGES, THERE IS EVIDENCE AMERICAN TECHNICIANS HAVE
BEEN IN SAO TOME FOR PURPOSE ALLEGED. WE HAVE
RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO REPORTS IN LISBON OF SUCH ACTIVITY IN
ANGOLA, HOWEVER.
GR-3. BENNETT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 4377

REF: LAGOS 4365

1. DURING QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (LAGOS 4369) NIGERIAN CORRESPONDENTS RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT USG ATTITUDE TOWARDS PORTUGUESE INVOLVEMENT IN NIGERIAN AFFAIRS. IN ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS, AMBASSADOR SAID

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THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF ATTITUDE OF USG. IN ANSWER TO RELATED QUESTION, AMBASSADOR SAID US "DEPLORES" PORTUGUESE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WHICH EVERYBODY AT PRESS CONFERENCE UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN PORTUGUESE ASSISTANCE TO OJUKHU'S REBELS IN "BIAFRA"

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2. SOME AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS PRESENT MAY REPORT AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS AS IF THEY WERE A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN US POLICY TOWARDS PORTUGAL AND NIGERIA. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THIS, EMBASSY AND USIS OFFICERS TOOK POSITION THAT AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS WERE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH LONGSTANDING US POLICY TOWARDS BOTH PORTUGAL AND NIGERIA. US POSITION ON PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA WELL KNOWN FOR LONG TIME AND RECENTLY RESTATED IN UN. USG OBJECTION TO ARMS SHIPMENT TO EITHER SIDE IN NIGERIA CIVIL WAR ALSO WELL KNOWN.

3. IF QUESTIONS RAISED IN US ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT, WE SUGGEST MATTER BE TREATED IN SIMILAR VEIN.

4. FYI: ONE OF RESPONSES INCORRECTLY CITED RECENT US STATEMENT

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IN UN ON PORTUGUESE COLONIES AS APPLYING ALSO TO INVOLVEMENT IN ARMS TRAFFIC TO NIGERIA. TWO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS (AP AND CDN) NOTED DISCREPANCY AND WE ABLE LATER TO CORRECT MATTERS FOR THEM. HOWEVER, MOST CORRESPONDENTS INCLUDING ALL NIGERIAN PRESS HAD LEFT BEFORE FACTS PUT STRAIGHT. END FYI.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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DATE: Friday, Nov. 17, 1967
TIME: Noon
PLACE: The Secretary's Office

SUBJECT: Nigeria and the Biafra Rebellion
(Part 4 of 13)

PARTICIPANTS: COMPLETE DISTRIBUTION MADE BY CMS 12/2/67

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1. The Foreign Minister said that as in the case of
the Congo, so also in Nigeria, Portugal is being made the
scapegoat. The fact of the matter is, he asserted, that
everybody is helping Biafra -- the Rothschild Bank, the

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Czechs, Spain, France, Germany, Ireland (why, he didn't know) the British -- but who is blamed -- none of these -- only the Portuguese. He said Portugal is singled out for censure because it permits properly documented foreign flag aircraft, flown by foreign pilots who also possess proper documentation to transit Lisbon airport with cargoes which they have acquired outside of Portugal. The same aircraft, he said, land and refuel and load cargo at other airports in Europe before they arrive in Lisbon and after leaving Lisbon en route to Nigeria they are permitted to transit airports in certain West African countries; for example, the Ivory Coast. But, he complained, none of these countries are criticized for permitting this to happen, only Portugal.

2. The Secretary asked if the aircraft then went to Sao Tome. Without elaboration, the Foreign Minister said nothing goes through Sao Tome but people.

3. To the Secretary's request for his estimate of the situation in Nigeria, the Foreign Minister replied that he did not really know. But, he said, he did know that Biafra has unlimited funds and maintains offices in principal European cities and New York. He asked why doesn't the U.S. expel these people from New York City? It seems, he said, that everybody believes Portugal has the main responsibility except the Federal Government at Lagos which knows better and knows very well that there are many countries and persons involved. He noted that in the Security Council the Nigerian representative said nothing during consideration of the Congolese complaint about Portugal in Nigeria. The Foreign Minister said that as far as Portugal is concerned what is going on in Nigeria is a civil war in which Portugal is neutral. He said Portugal has no interest in the outcome of that rebellion and it is immaterial to Portugal whether planes go or don't go. But, he said, it is unfair to make Portugal the scapegoat in this situation.

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Following is text resolution introduced in House of Representatives November 13 by Congressman Resnick and ~~xxx~~ eight others.

QTE Whereas there has occurred and is occurring the reported indiscriminate killing of civilians of Ibo/origin in both Nigeria and Biafra; and

Whereas it imperative to emphasize need for prompt action to prevent what threatens to become genocidal pattern of extermination; and

Whereas extension of friendship and assistance to all men of good will in all regions of Nigeria is necessary to resolution their differences at peace table: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is sense of House of Representatives that President of United States be requested to take such action as may be necessary to transmit to belligerent parties, to Organization for African Unity, to United Nations, and to International Red Cross the earnest plea of United States that all appropriate bodies join in seeking halt to hostilities and take measures, including dispatch of impartial observers, to protect lives of civilian population of the area. UNQTE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 274

SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR YORUBA UNITY

REF: IBADAN'S 261, 256, A-38

1. ACTION GROUP NIGERIAN TRIBUNE CONTINUES AIR COLUMNISTS
VIEWS ON "YORUBA UNITY," GENERALLY IN TERMS OF REPLIES
TO ORIGINAL ARTICLE BY NNDP POLITICIAN ALHAJI OBISESAN.
TWO ARTICLES APPEARING SINCE THOSE LAST REPORTED

PAGE 2 RUTALS 27488 C O N F I D E N T I A L
IBADAN'S A-381 INCLUDE ONE BY OMO ODUDUWA, NOM DE
PLUME FOR OMO EKUN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF IBADAN UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS' UNION, AND ONE BY CHARLES BUBBLE, ALIAS FOR
BURMI IYERU, SUNDAY EDITOR OF TRIBUNE, BOTH OF WHOM
EXTEREMELY SUSPICIOUS MOTIVES OBISESAN AND NNDP IN
ADVOCATING YORUBA UNITY SINCE IN THEIR VIEW NNDP HAD

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14 IBADAN PRESS TODAY (NOV 14) REPORTS COURTESY CALL
BY RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR ROMANOV YESTERDAY ON MILGOV
BRIG ADEBAYO. REPORTED EXCHANGE OF REMARKS LARGELY
CONSIST OF NICETIES NORMAL FOR SUCH OCCASIONS.
ADEBAYO PRAISED RUSSIAN ROLE IN NIGERIA AND "EXEMPLARY
STAND" IN CURRENT CRISIS AND CALLED FOR CLOSER RELATIONS

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AND EXCHANGE OF VISITS. ROMANOV SAID USSR WANTED PEACE
AND STABILITY IN NIGERIA, "NOT HER DESTRUCTION," WAS
NOT INTERESTED IN COMPETING WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES IN
AFRICA AND WAS PREPARED COOPERATE MAKE NIGERIA SHOW
PIECE IN AFRICA.

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REF: LAGOS 4247

SUBJ: FMG CLAIMS CHINESE MERCENARIES FIGHTING WITH
"BIAFRANS"

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 11 FEDERAL COMMISSIONER
INFO ENAHORO SAID 20 CHINESE MERCENARIES KILLED WHILE FMG
FORCES CLEARING REBELS FROM CALABAR AREA.

2. ENAHORO ALSO SAID FMG HAS REPORTS OF "LARGE NUMBER
PERSONS RESEMBLING CHINESE FIGHTING ON SIDE OF REBELS."

3. COMMENT: THIS STATEMENT BY TOP COMMISSIONER IS

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FURTHER INDICATION THAT RESPONSIBLE CIRCLES IN FMG DO BELIEVE
CHINESE ARE INVOLVED OR ARE PREPARED TO PROFESS THAT
THEY BELIEVE IT. EMBASSY AND DATT ARE NOT PREPARED
TO WRITE OFF ALTOGETHER POSSIBILITY THAT SOME CHICOMS
MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN TO EASTERN NIGERIA FROM BRAZZAVILLE.

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"TRUMPED-UP" STORIES ARE ATTEMPT TO COVER UP ACTIVE
SUPPORT PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE GIVING "OJUKWU'S
REBELLION".

2- RE OAU MISSION TO NIGERIA HAASTRUP ASSERTED ONLY
REASON FOR SEVERAL POSTPONEMENTS WAS THAT NO MUTUALLY
CONVENIENT DATE HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY ITS MEMBERS
AND "QUESTION OF FINDING COMMON GROUND BETWEEN FMG
AND SECESSIONISTS DOES NOT ARISE." WHEN COMMITTEE
ABLE VISIT LAGOS, HAASTRUP SAID: FMG WILL, AS FOR
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AND GIVE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION ANY USEFUL PROPOSALS
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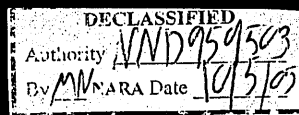
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FROM : Amconsul IBADAN

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SUBJECT : Wife of Detained Nigerian Playwright Appeals to Gowon

REF : Lagos 4057; Ibadan 242, 241, 72 and 66

1. As unclassified enclosures, the Consulate submits copies of appeals by Mrs. Wole Soyinka on behalf of her detained playwright husband. Enclosure 1 is an "Open Letter to General Gowon" dated October 31, 1967, which defends her husband's motives in making the trip to see Ojukwu and makes several requests, particularly that his case be reviewed. We have been informed that Wole had a hand in drafting the letter. Mrs. Soyinka denies that her husband was in the Mid-West with Victor Banjo on August 9 and says there are several witnesses. She says she was permitted to visit her husband but adds that "...there is a most disturbing link between...permission to visit and Chief Enahoro's disclosures' the following day." She concludes: "The artist in society has always been an essentially misunderstood being....I insist that justice be done and publicly be seen to have been done."

2. Enclosure 2 is a separate plea by Mrs. Soyinka to all recipients of copies of the open letter to aid her husband's cause.

3. One source who has spoken with Mrs. Soyinka said that she did not see her husband on Friday, October 27, as reported in the Enahoro press conference. According to her, she was called on October 26 and asked to come to Lagos to see her husband on the 27th. She

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dropped everything and went to Lagos only to sit around Force Headquarters all day. She did not get to see her husband until the morning of the 28th of October. The source believes that the Enahoro press statement was prepared by someone else who only assumed that Mrs. Soyinka had visited her husband as planned.

4. Comment: Although the open letter is supposed to have been distributed to the press, no Nigerian paper has published the full text of appeal. The open letter is also said to have been distributed to foreign correspondents and sent to friends overseas. We understand that one column by A. Friendly, Jr. on the subject has been printed in the International Herald Tribune but have not seen the issue in question. Time magazine sent freelance correspondent Bruce Otis to Ibadan to interview Mrs. Soyinka and presumably he will file a story, though whether Time will use it remains to be seen. While international publicity may harm rather than help Soyinka's prospects, we understand from Otis that Mrs. Soyinka intends to continue to fight with all means at her disposal for her husband's freedom.

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OPEN LETTER TO GENERAL GOWON.

Mrs. O. Soyinka,
c/o The School of Drama,
University of Ibadan,
Ibadan.

31st Oct., '67.

Major-Gen. Yakubu Gowon,
The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,
Dodan Barracks,
Obalende, Lagos.

Dear Sir,

Concerning The Detention Of My Husband
Mr. Wole Soyinka

At his Press Conference held on Saturday, Oct. 28, '67, the Federal Commissioner of Information, Chief Anthony Enahoro, made a statement concerning the detention of my husband. This statement the Press has variously interpreted as a confessional statement of his involvement in the rebel infiltration into the Mid-West State on August 9 and in rebel plans to overthrow the Governments of the Western and Lagos States.

My husband's family and I are deeply disturbed by these allegations, particularly as they were made on the very day following the sudden decision to allow me to see him. I had applied several weeks before to be allowed to do this and had been categorically denied access to him by the Director of Prisons.

My conclusion therefore is that there is a most disturbing link between this sudden permission to visit and Chief Enahoro's "disclosures" the following day.

As my husband is in no position to admit or deny Chief Enahoro's allegations, may I be permitted to put certain facts on record in the hope that they may influence the Federal Military Government in reviewing their attitude towards this case:

Firstly, I categorically deny that my husband was in the Mid-West with Victor Banjo on August 9. He could not have been there and in Ibadan at the same time and there are several witnesses to prove he was in Ibadan on that day.

Secondly, a most mischievous slant has been put on my husband's trip to the East to see Ojukwu. There was nothing clandestine about this. On

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the contrary, he had communicated his intention to do this to a representative of the Federal Military Government and was even assured of a "safe conduct" as far as the areas controlled by Federal troops.

My husband has been solely motivated by a deeply-felt conviction that Nigeria should not go to war against itself. The announcement of war had very much shaken him, and as soon as he came back from his trip overseas, he had set about seeing what could be done to salvage the situation.

He had discussed with Father Martins of the Army, who had explained to him that as Ojukwu was the aggressor, he had to ask for a ceasefire, and it was to this end, that Ojukwu might reconsider his stand, that my husband travelled to the East, at his own risk.

In pursuance of his conviction that the war could serve no useful purpose, he had also written his controversial article advocating a ceasefire from both sides. A copy of this was sent to the said representative of the Federal Military Government and openly to the Press, some of which were too cowardly to publish it. What the public does not know also is that he had also sought, without success, a personal interview with Major-Gen. Gowon himself. He had hoped that some useful purpose might be served by such an interview.

In all this, I cannot see the acts of a man secretly in league with Ojukwu against his country.

I therefore make the following submissions:

Firstly, I am thoroughly suspicious of the circumstances surrounding Chief Enahoro's last Saturday's disclosures to the Press, and I am advocating that fresh investigations be made concerning this case.

Secondly, I categorically deny the truth of the allegations.

Thirdly, I am asking that I be permitted to see my husband again in the hope that, in the presence of Prison and Special Branch Officials, I and the world might hear his own side of the story.

Fourthly, I am asking that in view of the fact that he has now been officially detained, his family should be granted permission for regular visits to him.

Fifthly, I am not satisfied that he is being looked after medically as Chief Enahoro described in his statement to the Press. Nobody seems to know who this much-publicised "Doctor of his choice" who has continually attended to him, is.

Throughout the ages, the role of the artist in society has always been an uneasy one, and my husband certainly is no exception to the rule. The artist in society has always been an essentially misunderstood being. This I believe, is the crux of the matter.

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I insist that justice be done and publicly be seen to have been done.

Yours sincerely,

/s/

SOYINKA
(Mrs. O. Soyinka)

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We fear for Wole's life with the latest
release from the government.

Can you help get this to the Press, send
a cable, or do anything that may help at this
time. It will be of invaluable help.

/s/

SOYINKA
(Mrs. O. Soyinka)

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1. ADMINISTRATOR OF EAST CENTRAL STATE, UKPABI ASIKA (AN IBO) CALLED ON PEOPLE OF STATE TO STOP WAR AND RENOUNCE SECESSION. IN SPEECH CAG QOSWHRKAZGUM RADIO AND TV NOV. 10 ASIKA CONVEYED TO PEOPLE EAST CENTRAL STATE "SINCERE ASSURANCES" OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CONVICTION MANY THOUSANDS IBOS PRESENTLY LIVING OTHER PARTS OF NIGERIA, AND HIS OWN CERTAINTY "IT NOT WISH ANYONE SEEK YOUR SURRENDER SO AS BE TREATED AS CONQUERED PEOPLE".

2. BUT ASIKA SAID THEY MUST GIVE UP SECESSION AND REBELLION AND ACCEPT PRESENT DIVISION OF COUNTRY INTO TWELVE STATES.

3. HE ADDED REST OF COUNTRY PATIENTLY WAITING FOR EASTERN PEOPLE (MEANING IBOS) REJOIN THEM TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE PROPER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL NIGERIANS AND BETWEEN THE STATES AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT "IN AN INDISSOLUBLE

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FEDERATION."

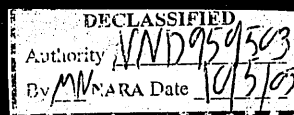
4. HE APPEALED THOSE WHO HAD FLED ENUGU AND NSUKKA AREAS TO RETURN; ALSO CALLED ON CIVIL SERVANTS TO RETURN TO WORK, SAYING "BY THE TIME I AM ESTABLISHED IN MY OFFICE AT ENUGU, WHICH WILL BE VERY SOON, I WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT POLICE TO HELP MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER. IT MY DESIRE RESUME ALL ESSENTIAL SERVICES. ALSO PLAN AS MATTER OF URGENCY REOPEN SCHOOLS AND BEGIN WORK REHABILITATION UNIVERSITY AT NSUKKA".

5. IN MOVING PASSAGE ASIKA ADRESSED HIMSELF TO PEMBATTLED AND EMBITTERED PEOPLE EAST CENTRAL STATE", IN WHICH HE RECOGNIZED PAST SUFFERING OF IBO PEOPLE ALSO RECOGNIZED IBO LEGITIMATE DESIRE FOR EXPRESSION REGRET AT KILLINGS. HE QUOTED GOWON EXPRESSION OF REGRET AT LENGTH, THE LED INTO ATTACK ON OJUKWU. ASIKA SAID THAT WHILE OJUKWU AND OTHERS IN POWER IN EAST CLAIMED AND SOUGHT TO APPEAR AS DEFENDERS OF IBO INTERESTS AND LIVES, "THEY HAVE ACHIEVED ACTUAL DESTRUCTION THESE VERY INTERESTS."

6. SPEECH ENDED ON STRONG RISING NOTE APPEALING ALL NIGERIANS

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RECOGNIZE THEY SHARE COMMON HISTORY AND NOW HAVE A "COLLECTIVE
DESTINY."

7. COMMENT: IT NOT YET POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, ASSESS EFFECT
ASIKA'S SPEECH ON THOSE TO WHOM IT PRIMARILY DIRECTED. PEOPLE
OF EAST CENTRAL STATE. ONLY REBEL COMMENT ON ASIKA SO FAR WAS
BRIEF ITEM NOV. 9 REPORTING THAT 5000 PEOPLE AT ONITSHA "DEMONSTRATED
AGAINST PURPORTED APPOINTMENT OF ONE A.O. ASIKA AS GOWON'S
PUPPET ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENUGU." HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES
THIS THOUGHTFUL SPEECH HIT ALL RIGHT NOTES, AND WHILE ASIKA
FACES EXTREMELY TOUGH JOB, THIS IS AS GOOD A START AS
COULD BE MADE.

8. TOUCHING FULL TEXT SPEECH.

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FOR AMB MATHEWS - AFW

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1. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE NEED URGENT INDICATION POSSIBILITY DEPENDENTS BAN BEING LIFTED AND TIMING. EXAMPLE OF PERSONAL HARDSHIP DEVELOPING IS CASE OF MRS. MITHOEFER WHO UNLESS ASSURED BAN WILL BE RAISED IN NEAR FUTURE WILL FLY TO AUSTRALIA NOV 5 TO HAVE EXPECTED BABY.

2. DEPENDENTS BAN HAS BECOME HOTTEST SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION ON COCKTAIL CIRCUIT. EAST EUROPEANS EXPLOITING SITUATION BY PASSING STORY THIS DEMONSTRATION OF LACK OF FAITH BY US IN FUTURE OF NIGERIA. NIGERIANS ACCEPTING BAN OF PROOF OF RUMOR MAKING ROUNDS THAT US IN PROCESS OF REDUCING COMMITMENTS NIGERIA AND PUTTING CHIPS ON GHANA WHICH WIDELY REGARDED AS

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BEING PRO-BIAFRA. UNUSUALLY WARM RECEPTION AFFORDED GENERAL ANKRAH ON US VISIT CITED AS FURTHER CONFIRMATION THIS THEORY. NIGERIANS ALSO TYING BAN TO PREDICTIONS IMMINENT AIR RAIDS ON LAGOS. IMPLICATION IS THAT US HAS KNOWLEDGE OF

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TIMING OF RAIDS AND THEREFORE MUST BE INVOLVED. WHILE SITUATION HAS NOT YET BEEN AIRED IN PRESS, WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE IT SURFACE AT ANY TIME. AT RECEPTION YESTERDAY SCANDINAVIAN, DUTCH, GERMAN AND BRITISH COLLEAGUES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER DEVELOPING NIGERIAN ATTITUDE THAT US LACKS FAITH IN GON. GIVEN THIS SITUATION THE EFFECT OF YOUR RETURNING WITHOUT MRS. MATHEWS WOULD FURTHER ERODE WHAT LITTLE INFLUENCE WE HAVE LEFT WITH BOTH OFFICIAL AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL NIGERIANS.

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1. Department disturbed at charges made against US officials reported Lagos reftel and assumes Embassy will use all appropriate means to avoid their recurrence in Morning Post or other papers.
2. In this connection suggest Embassy endeavor capitalize to fullest extent possible on episode in which Daily Sketch admittedly taken in by hoax and printed picture of WWI dough-boy as alleged white mercenary. Fact that embarrassment has been caused editors of Sketch might make useful impact, both on key FMG officials and editors of other newspapers. Believe this firm evidence of press being used to publicize false charges can and should be used to discredit such other obvious misrepresentations as Post article.

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1. COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT'S SYG ARNOLD SMITH TOLD
EMBOFF NOVEMBER 9 THAT FOLLOWING UDOFIA PRESS CONFERENCE
DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY (LONDON'S 3965) HE HAD GOTTEN IN
TOUCH WITH MOJEKWU AND DIKE AND TOLD THEM CS WAS RUNNING

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OUT OF PATIENCE WITH IBO MANEUVERS. HE POINTED OUT THAT
IBOS HAD OBJECTED TO NEGOTIATING IN LONDON BECAUSE THEY
PROFESSED TO FEAR FOR THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY. IT WAS
THEREFORE INCONSISTENT, TO SAY LEAST, TO FIND THEM CONDUCTING
OPEN PRESS CONFERENCES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS. FURTHERMORE
APPEAL FOR CS TO MEDIATE CONFLICT WAS LESS THAN CONVINCING
WHEN IT WAS MADE BY THOSE WHO APPEARED TO BE BLOCKING CURRENT
CS EFFORT TO DO JUST THAT.

2. SMITH ASKED MOJEKWU AND DIKE TO COMMUNICATE THIS MESSAGE

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TO OJUKWU AND URGE HIM TO STOP STALLING AND SEND TEAM BACK TO LONDON WITH AUTHORIZATION TO START SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO SMITH, DIKE SEEMED TO AGREE WITH HIM THAT OJUKWU'S TACTICS WERE SELF-DEFEATING. EVEN MOJEKWU, WHO HAD TENDED TO FOLLOW HARD LINE ON NEGOTIATIONS, AGREED TO URGE OJUKWU TO AUTHORIZE TEAM TO START TALKS.

3. MOJEKWU HAS DEPARTED FROM PARIS (WHERE SMITH CONTACTED HIM THROUGH STAFF MEMBER OF CS) SAYING HE

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INTENDED TO SEE OJUKWU IN EASTERN REGION. UDOFIA AND DIKE HAVE GONE GENEVA TO APPEAL TO ICRC TO INTERVENE IN ORDER STOP "ATROCITIES" IN MID-WEST. SMITH SEES NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WAIT AND SEE IF OJUKWU CHOOSES TO BEGIN TALKS. ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTY APPEARS TO BE THAT COMMUNICATIONS WITH IBO LEADERS ARE BREAKING DOWN. CS'S DEPUTY SYG YAW ADU, WHO IS IN ACCRA ON LEAVE, TOLD SMITH ON PHONE THAT ANKRAH NO LONGER HAS RADIO-TELEPHONE LINK WITH OJUKWU.

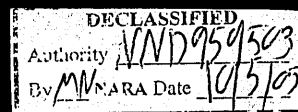
4. EMBOFF LATER COMPARED NOTES WITH CO'S ERIC NORRIS (ASS'T UNDER SECT'Y, WEST AND GENERAL AFRICA DEPT.) WHO SAID THAT UDOFIA PRESS CONFERENCE HAD THUS FAR DRAWN NO PROTEST FROM NIGERIAN HICOMER OGUNDIPE. CO HAS CABLED BRITISH HICOMER HUNT SUGGESTING HE CONSIDER EXPRESSING HMG'S APPRECIATION FOR "RESTRAINT AND PATIENCE" SHOWN BY FMG AND URGING FMG LEADERS CONTINUE BE WILLING ENGAGE IN DIRECT TALKS.

5. ACCORDING NORRIS (PROTECT), CO IS ALSO CONSIDERING WAYS THAT MORE PRESSURE COULD BE PUT ON OJUKWU IN ORDER

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MAKE HIM REALIZE HE SHOULD SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN TALKS. BRITISH LEVERAGE ON PORTUGUESE (WHO APPEAR TO BE OJUKWU'S PRINCIPAL PROP) IS LIMITED, BUT ADDITIONAL MILITARY PRESSURE COULD BE EXERTED BY MORE LIBERAL POLICY ON MILITARY SUPPLY TO FMG. NORRIS INDICATED THAT HMG WAS

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SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY OF SUPPLYING SPECIFIC ITEMS, SUCH AS MORTARS, WHICH HAVE HITHERTO BEEN REFUSED.

6. NORRIS BELIEVES EXPLANATION FOR OJUKWU'S SEEMINGLY SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY IS HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE HIRE JETS AND MERCENARIES. QUESTION IN NORRIS' MIND IS WHERE OJUKWU IS GETTING HIS MONEY. PORTUGUESE INTEREST IN SPLITTING NIGERIA WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECT OR VITAL ENOUGH TO WARRANT LARGE OUTLAYS OF CASH, EVEN IF PORTUGAL COULD AFFORD THEM. CO ESTIMATES THAT FMG HAS SPENT SOMETHING LIKE 25 MILLION POUNDS STERLING ON ITS PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT SINCE CONFLICT BEGAN AND IT HAS PROBABLY COST IBOS PROPORTIONATELY AS MUCH. ASSUMING THAT EASTERN REGION HAD ABOUT 14 MILLION POUNDS

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IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABLE BEFORE FMG CLAMPED ON CONTROLS IN EARLY WEEKS OF CONFLICT, THERE WOULD STILL BE SIZEABLE DEFICIT TO BE COVERED BY SOMEONE.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 430

SUBJECT: COLONEL HASSAN KATSINA VIEWS CURRENT SCENE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL HASSAN KATSINA NOVEMBER 4 HE SAID HE IS SATISFIED WITH THE WAY LAGOS IS CONDUCTING THE WAR. HE EXPRESSED, HOWEVER, CHAGRIN AND MISGIVINGS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS ON NSUKKA-ENUGU FRONT. IN IBOLAND HE SAID POPULACE, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ARMED AND OBLIGED TO FIGHT. THIS RESULTING IN DEATH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHICH PROVING UPSETTING FACTOR AMONG

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NORTHERN TROOPS. IN ADDITION TROOPS INCLINED TREAT SUCH OPPOSITION WITH LACK APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS WHICH HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS CASUALTIES AMONG TROOPS AND OFFICERS. KATSINA ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE DESTRUCTION OF

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VILLAGES IN THE EAST WHICH HE SAID IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY CHOICE OF REBEL FORCES TO FIGHT IN THE VILLAGES RATHER THAN ON ALTERNATIVE MORE-EASILY DEFENSIBLE GROUND. KATSINA SAID IBOLAND SITUATION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THAT IN CALABAR AND OGOJA FOR EXAMPLE WHERE NO HOSTILE POPULACE HAS CONFRONTED FEDERAL ARMY.

2. WHEN ASKED HOW HE THOUGHT WAR WOULD PROGRESS, KATSINA SAID FEDERAL STRATEGY IS TO ENCIRCLE REBEL AREA AND THEN TO WAIT A FEW WEEKS TO LET BLOCKADE TAKE EFFECT. HE SAID PRESENT QUIET ON MILITARY FRONTS IS RESULT THIS DECISION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TAKING OF PORT HARCOURT WILL BE KEY POINT IN ENDING REBELLION. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBILITY NEGOTIATIONS, KATSINA SAID FMG PLACING SOME HOPE ON ASIKA AND "SOME FORMER UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS" WHO HAVE COME OVER TO FMG SIDE. WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY

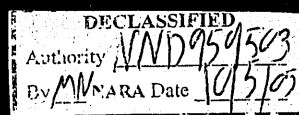
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WHETHER AZIKIWE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO NORTHERNERS, HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT AND REPLIED IF ZIK ABLE EFFECTIVELY BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS HE THOUGHT ZIK WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. HE SAID ZIK HAD WRITTEN LETTER TO GOWON FROM LIBERIA AND INTIMATED HE HAD SEEN LETTER DURING HIS LAST VISIT LAGOS OCTOBER 27. HE SAID LETTER FROM ZIK OFFERED BE HELPFUL IF POSSIBLY.

3. KATSINA SAID HE BELIEVES ARMY AND PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT RECONCILIATION WITH IBOS. HE SAID GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING CAMPAIGN TO CONVINCE TROOPS AND PEOPLE OF NECESSITY FOR RECONCILIATION AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IBO TRADERS WILL ULTIMATELY RETURN TO THE NORTH. HE VIEWS TRICKLE OF IBO VILLAGERS RETURNING TO FEDERAL OCCUPIED AREAS IN THE EAST AS OFFERING PROSPECT FOR CONVINCING REBELS THAT THEY WILL BE PROTECTED AND CARED FOR, NOT KILLED, SHOULD THEY RETURN TO LIVE IN FEDERAL OCCUPIED AREAS.

4. KATSINA APPARENTLY HAS SHIFTED HIS GROUND WITH REGARD TO CREATION OF STATES IN NORTH. HIS RESERVATIONS

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IF NOT OBJECTION TO CREATION STATES PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED
HAVE GIVEN WAY TO ACCEPTANCE OF FAIT ACOMPLI. HE SAID
STATES HAVE PROVED GOOD THING. PEOPLE DECIDED THEY WANT
STATES. HE ALLOWED STATES HAD BEEN MAJOR HEADACHE IN
RECENT PAST BUT SEEMED REFLECT VIEW THAT ORGANIZATION OF
STATES NOW PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. HE ADDED, IN ANY CASE,
EVEN THOUGH STATES HAVE BEEN CREATED "I AM STILL A
NORTHERNER, STILL A NIGERIAN" (IN THAT ORDER).

5. KATSINA SAID DEMOBILIZATION WILL FOLLOW END OF FIGHT-
ING. HE SAID COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD MAINTAIN PRESENT
MILITARY MACHINE IN POST-WAR PERIOD, BUT CAREER-TYPE
ARMY WILL BE MAINTAINED. SOME VETERANS NOW BEING PICKED
OUT FOR RETENTION ON BASIS OF DEMONSTRATED ABILITY AND
DISCIPLINE.

6. ALTHOUGH ARMY WILL UNDERGO PARTIAL DEMOBILIZATION,
KATSINA SAID IMMENSE TASK OF "RECONSTRUCTION" MUST BE
COMPLETED UNDER MILITARY RULE. THEREFORE 1969 DEADLINE
FOR RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE NOT PRACTICABLE AND MILITARY

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RULE MAY BE EXTENDED ANOTHER TWO TO FOUR YEARS. HOW-
EVER, MILITARY WILL REMAIN IN BACKGROUND WITH CIVIL
SERVANTS ADMINISTERING GOVERNMENT UNDER ARMY DIRECTIVES.
KATSINA STRONGLY OPPOSES PLACING ARMY OFFICERS IN GOVERN-
MENT POSITIONS WHERE THEY LOSE CONTACT WITH ARMY, AND HE
HAD PREVIOUSLY WARNED IRONSI OF DANGER OF PLACING
MILITARY IN SUCH POSITIONS. HE DID NOT DWELL ON ROLE OF
POLITICIANS IN "RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD" BUT ADMITTED THEY
WERE WAITING IN WINGS.

7. I TOLD KATSINA WE ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUING
UNREASONED CRITICISM AND COMPLETELY NEGATIVE LINE ON U.S.
TAKEN BY PRESS-RADIO-TELEVISION IN NORTH. I TOLD HIM
THIS LEADS AID TECHNICIANS AND PCVS TO QUESTION WHY THEY

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ARE HERE IF INDEED THEY SUSPECT AND UNWELCOME. KATSINA SAID HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES SITUATION IN NORTH VIS-A-VIS AMERICANS HAS CHANGED. HE SAID HE HAS HAD NO REPORTS FROM ANY QUARTER RECENTLY ACCUSING AMERICANS OF IMPROPER ACTIVITIES. WITH REFERENCE TO RADIO TELEVISION KADUNA, KATSINA SAID "THEY'VE GOT ALL THE WRONG BOYS OVER THERE."

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HE REVIEWED HIS EFFORTS TO GET PRESS-RADIO-TELEVISION TO LAY OFF ANTI-AMERICAN LINE AND SAID THAT PERMSEC MIINFO WILL NOW CONDUCT WEEKLY BRIEFINGS FOR MEDIA IN ATTEMPT TO BRING THEIR REPORTING INTO LINE. COMMENT: KATSINA SEEMS SATISFIED ACCEPT LACK OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST AMERICANS AS INDICATION IMPROVEMENT OF CLIMATE IN THE NORTH BUT SEEMS RESIGNED TO ACCEPTING PRESENT DEGREE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM PRESS-RADIO-TELEVISION COMMENTARY AS NOT SIGNIFICANT. IN MY VIEW, HE RELUCTANT TO ACT MORE VIGOROUSLY TO PUT MEDIA LEADERS IN THEIR PLACE.

R. FURTHER COMMENTARY FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.
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SUBJECT: BIAFRA REP IN LUSAKA

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1. ACCORDING HEADLINE STORY THRS MORNING'S TIMES OF ZAMBIA,
DR. MICHAEL OKPARA, SENIOR POLAD TO COL. OJOKWU, AND MR.
AUGUSTINE OKWU, DESCRIBED AS BIAFRA'S "AMBASSADOR" TO EAST
AFRICA, HAVE ARRIVED LUSAKA WITH PLEA FOR KAUNDA'S PERSONAL
INTERCESSION FOR CEASEFIRE IN NIGERIA.

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SUBJ: MERCENARY MIKE HOARE

1. NIGERIAN NEWS MEDIA HAVE REPORTED THAT COL. MIKE HOARE, OF CONGO FAME, VISITED OJUKWU IN OCTOBER TO OFFER MORE MERCENARIES TO DEFEND "BIAFRA".

2. TODAY'S PAPERS REPORT NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR MARTINS IN WASHINGTON TOLD JOURNALISTS "A DECENT BURIAL AWAITS 'MAD MIKE', THE NOTORIOUS IRISH MERCENARY, IN NIGERIA."
MARTINS SAID SUCH MERCENARIES, RATHER THAN HELP REBELS, WILL ONLY CAUSE NEEDLESS SUFFERING AND DEATH TO THOSE THEY PROFESS TO HELP.

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EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
ACTIVITIES THEODORE BROWN REFLECTS THAT OF FMG CIRCLES WHO
QUESTION NON-INVOLVEMENT AND OBJECTIVITY OF BROWN WHO
SEEMINGLY CONSIDERED "PRO BIAFRA." SUSPICION EXISTS THAT
THIS, HIS THIRD OR FOURTH VISIT TO NIGERIA IN PAST YEAR, PROBABLY
STIMULATED BY RECENT MBADIWE ACTIVITIES IN US. UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY SOMETHING LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT BROWN'S VISIT.

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From : INR - Thomas L. Hughes *TH*
Subject: NIGERIA: No Early End in Sight

The prospect for an early end to the Nigerian conflict remain dim, but recent events have strengthened the position of Lagos to the point where it has a choice of strategies.

Biafra Unbowed. Severe military reverses in October failed to shake Biafra's will to fight on. Federal forces drove Biafran troops out of the Mid-West state they had so easily occupied last August, and then proceeded to occupy Biafra's capital (Enugu) and its last deep-water port (Calabar). Biafran leader Colonel C.O. Ojukwu blamed traitors, had a few army officers shot, and appears to be as firmly in the saddle as before. There have been no signs of cracking Ibo morale. The loss of Enugu and Calabar reduced Biafra's access to foreign war supplies to a few nocturnal visits weekly to Port Harcourt by mercenary-piloted transport aircraft. Nevertheless, the present flow of munitions into Biafra permits a strong defense, and there have been signs that Ojukwu may even be planning a renewed offense, perhaps with the aid of white mercenaries.

Gowon's Policy. Now that his forces have recaptured the initiative, General Yakubu Gowon, the leader of the Federal Military Government (FMG), has increased room for maneuver in his campaign to bring Biafra back into Nigeria. His present policy seems to be to maintain steady military

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pressure on Biafra's shrunken perimeter and to wait for the Ojukwu regime to crack under the strain of encirclement. At the same time that Federal commanders are making preparations for assaults on Onitsha and Port Harcourt, Gowon is apparently seeking Ibo leaders who might be willing to negotiate on Federal terms.

Diplomacy. The FMG has been a little stiff toward foreign efforts to help end the conflict. Moreover, would-be mediators are discouraged by the wide distance between Biafra's view that its sovereignty is not negotiable and the FMG's position that Biafra must be reintegrated into Nigeria as three of the federation's twelve states. The proposed OAU "consultative" mission of six African heads of state shows diminishing interest in visiting Lagos; and the Commonwealth Secretariat in London has no illusions about the poor prospects for the success of its current efforts to start serious talks between the two sides. Gowon has been careful, however, to maintain a posture of reasonableness and of willingness to promote an early end to the fighting. Should Ojukwu fall, Gowon might find in on-going mediation efforts a useful instrument for achieving an early settlement with Biafra's new regime on FMG terms.

Invasion of Ibo Heartland? Despite Gowon's unwillingness to see stubbornly resisting Ibos massacred by invading northern troops of the Federal army, he will need patience and firmness to stick to his present policy. Although time is clearly on the FMG's side, pressures on Gowon to make a quick end

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may increase. One reason is financial. The FMG's reserves are fast running down, and Nigeria's vital petroleum exports cannot soon resume at anything like full flood unless pipelines that run through the southern part of the Ibo heartland are recaptured. Another is emotional. Key Federal army commanders at the front, some of them prone to free wheel, have sworn to keep going until they capture Ojukwu. Even if he holds them in check for a while longer, Gowon will find them increasingly restive under a policy of restraint as the present steady flow of foreign arms and supplies to Lagos increases the FMG's military strength over that of Biafra.

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1. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MORNING POST TODAY HAS FRONT-PAGE,
SIX-COLUMN EDITORIAL EXPRESSING STRONG REACTION AGAINST STATEMENT
SUPPORTING BIAFRAN INDEPENDENCE WHICH ATTRIBUTED TO EX-PRESID-
ENT AZIKWE. POST INTERPRETS REUTERS STORY AS INDICATION ZIK HAS
WHOLLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO OJUKWU SPOLICY. WESTERN STATE OWNED
DAILY SKETCH ALSO HAS EDITORIAL CRITICIZING ZIK'S ALLEGED STATEMENT

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P. ALLEGED ZIK LETTER HAS NOT APPEARED IN LONDON TIMES. CO. REPLY TO UKHC QUERY (REFTEL) SAID TIMES EMPHATICALLY DECLINE TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OF CORRESPONDENCE, WHICH THEY REGARD AS CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL PUBLICATION. HC IS TREATING STORY OF ZIK LETTER AND ZIK STATEMENT BROADCAST BY BIAFRA RADIO WITH RESERVE UNTIL MORE DEFINITE DETAILS CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

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DA GRNC

SECRET 0464 NOV 67. SGD JONES, ACTING, COUNTRY: NIGERIA.
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR
DIACO: CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C; DA FOR ACSI.

1. REF PAR 3A MY 0422 NOV 67. BRIT DEF ATT (PROTECT) IN
FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION LTC IKWUE AND COMMERCIAL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE
SOURCES MOD, LEARNED IKWUE'S VISIT CONNECTED WITH SUPPLY
ARMY AND EQUIP FM GERMAN FIRM 'MEREX LTD' WHICH IS AT BEUEL, NEAR
BONN. FMG MAIN NEED IS AMMUNITION FOR 106MM US RCL R, 84MM CARL
GUSTAV AND 105MM GUN/HOW. THIS AMMO AVAIL FM MEREX AT FOL PRICE

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PER ROUND: 106MM EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS; 84MM SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS;
105MM HE, HEAT, AND HESH FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS. IN ADDITION, THIS
FIRM CAN SUPPLY THREE ENGLISH ELECTRA CANBERRA B MARK II BOMBERS
AT ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH EX GERMANY.
ALSO HAVE FIFTEEN SABER MK VI-T33 JETS AVAIL AT ONE HUNDRED

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THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH, ALSO FM GERMANY. FMG PARTICULARLY INTERESTED SALE CANBERRA BOMBER AS THEY HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED WITH PERFORMANCE THEIR RECENTLY ACQUIRED JETS FOR REASONS OF RANGE AND POOR PAYLOAD.

2. DAP MAP OFFICER NOTED FOL IKEJA AIRPORT THIS AM:

A. FIVE L-29 DOLPHINS ON TARMAC AND DISPERSED AROUND FIELD (ACFT NUMBERS NAF 401, 403, 405, 406 AND ONE UNKNOWN).

B. TWO WESTLAND WHIRLWIND (NAF 502 AND 503) FLYING IN AREA, PILOTED BY EXPATS.

3. IN LONG CONY WITH LTC GORDON ALLY (PROTECT SOURCE) THIS AM, DAP MAP OFFICER LEARNED:

1. THAT SOURCE FULLY RECOVERED FM NEAR FATAL LEFT CHEST WOUND INFLICTED BY SNIPER IN ASABA. SOURCE COMMANDING SIXTH BDE AT TIME. MAJ IBRAHIM TAIWO (FORMER CO TENTH BN) COMMANDING IN ABSENCE SOURCE.

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2. LTC AKRINRINADE AND LTC ASIDU COMMANDING SEVENTH AND EIGHTH BDE RESP IN SAME DIV (LTC MOHAMMED'S 2 DIV).

C. SOURCE TO RPT TO DIV COMMANDER 13 NOV TO RESUME CMD SIXTH BDE AS DIV CO URGENTLY REQUESTING HIS PRESENCE ASABA.

D. SOURCE PRAISED PERFORMANCE OF FRENCH-MADE PANHARD, ESPECIALLY ACCURACY AND EFFECT OF 90MM GUN.

4. NAVAL ACTIVITIES:

A. NO NAVAL MVT DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

B.>NNL VESSEL ODUDUWA HAS BEEN RELEASED BY FMG AND RTN TO>NNL

2. REF PAR 4B MY 0441 OCT 67 AND PAR 5 MY 0442 OCT 67.

CONVERSATION WITH EXPAT HARBOR MASTER, WHO HAS BECOME CASUAL FRIEND WITH ONE OF POLES, CONFIRMED THAT SALARIES ARE BEING

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"TOPPED OFF BY POLISH GOVT". SOURCE EXTREMELY IMPRESSED BY HIGH EDUCATION OF POLES AND STATED THAT ONE WAS QUAL POLISH LAWYER, WHOSE WIFE IS MEDICAL DOCTOR IN POLAND. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT FOUR POLES ARE NOW IN THE PIPELINE FOR NIGERIAN PORT AUTHORITY. POLES NOW IN NIGERIA IDENTIFIED AS: J. ANANICA, PILOT, MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN; T. ROZANKIEWICZ, PILOT, MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN; J. KITTEL, PILOT, MARRIED, STEPDAUGHTER ATTENDING UNIV OF LAGOS; E. NOWICKI, PILOT, MARRIED, TWO SONS; C. PYTEL (LAWYER), FORMER

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PILOT PORT HARCOURT, MARRIED (WIFE MD IN POLAND), DEPARTING NIGERIA FOR POLAND 13 NOV (STATED HE WILL VACATION IN EUROPE PRIOR RTN POLAND); W. CZAYKOWSKI, GEN SVC, MARRIED, ONE DAUGHTER. CZAYKOWSKI WILL REPLACE UK ASST HARBOR MASTER ON 15 NOV, WHO IS GOING TO WARRI AS HARBORMASTER. SOURCE STATED THAT NIGERIAN PORT AUTHORITY WOULD BE EXTREMELY "SHORT HANDED UPON REOPENING EASTERN PORTS" AND THAT BELIEVED LARGE PERCENTAGE OF POSITIONS, I.E., PILOTS, ASST HARBORMASTERS, WOULD BE FILLED BY POLES.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 4244

SUBJ: BRITISH POLICY STATEMENT ON NIGERIA AND "BIAFRA"

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION LAGOS ON NOV 7 ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT ENTITLED "OJUKWU SECEDED DESPITE PRIOR BRITISH WARNING." RELEASE SAYS OJUKWU SPECIFICALLY WARNED BEFORE- HAND THAT IF EAST SECEDED HMG DID NOT RPT NOT EXPECT HIM OBTAIN ANY INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. BRITAIN'S POLICY WAS TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT GOWON GOVERNMENT. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MADE STATEMENT IN RESPONSE PUBLIC CRITICISM FROM FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, J.E. ADETORO, WHO SAID

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BRITISH MIGHT HAVE DETERRED EAST FROM SECEDED IF THEY HAD MADE STAND CLEAR PRIOR SECESSION. HUNT WENT ON RECORD IN STATEMENT AS SAYING "WE DID. IT DID NOT DETER THEM." HE ADDED "BRITAIN HAS NEITHER RIGHT NOR WISH INTERVENE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDEPENDENT NATION LIKE NIGERIA. BUT WE MADE IT VERY PLAIN BOTH TO FEDERAL AND EASTERN AUTHORITIES, AND BEFORE SECESSION, THAT WHAT BRITAIN DESIRED FOR NIGERIA

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WAS STABILITY AND UNITY."

P. COMMENT: THIS FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT, MADE IN RESPONSE
CRITICISM FROM A FEDERAL COMMISSIONER, WAS PROMPT, EFFECTIVE
ACTION WHICH LIKELY BOOST BRITISH STOCK. IF EMBASSY OFFICERS
RECEIVE SIMILAR INQUIRIES, WE PLAN MENTION AMBASSADOR'S
TWO TRIPS TO ENUGU TO SEE OJUKWU PRIOR SECESSION AND WILL
REPLY IN A SIMILAR VENUE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 4205

SUBJ: FMG WELCOMES LOYAL IBOS

T. SEVERAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE FMG LEADERS MAKING

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GREATER EFFORTS TO ACCOMMODATE IBOS WILLING TO COOPERATE.
THIS RESULTS FROM SUCCESS FEDERAL MILITARY CAMPAIGNS WHICH
HAVE VIRTUALLY ENCIRCLED IBOLAND AND CONSEQUENT LESSENING

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OF TRIBAL TENSIONS IN REST OF COUNTRY. IN LAGOS AND IBADAN GREATER AIR OF NORMALCY IS APPARENT AND LIFE GENERALLY. THERE IS LESS AGITATION AGAINST IBOS PER SE BECAUSE OF PUBLIC FEELING THAT "BIAFRA" VIRTUALLY DEFEATED. THEREFORE IBOS STILL LIVING IN LAGOS AND WEST FEEL LESS DANGER. IBO SERVANTS OF EXPATRIATES IN LAGOS NOW WILLING MOVE AROUND MORE FREELY.

2. APPOINTMENT OF AN IBO (ASIKA), WHO IS LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, TO BE CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATOR OF ENUGU AND "LIBERATED PARTS OF EAST CENTRAL STATE" HAS BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED. LAGOS TELS 3922 AND 3925 REPORTED APPOINTMENT ASIKA AND PROVIDED BIOGRAPHIC INFO. LAGOS 4641 NOTED THAT ASIKA, WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF FEDERAL NIGERIA, HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY

FOR MAKING CALLS ON GENERAL GOWON, GOVERNORS OF SOUTH EASTERN AND RIVERS STATES AND OTHERS. BRITISH HC REPORTS THAT IN IBADAN ASIKA WAS "AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE OF 'ONE NIGERIA'

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AND A FAIR DEAL FOR IBOS IN PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO USE OF FORCE AGAINST THEM." HE ALSO DESCRIBED AS "GENERALLY POPULAR AND RECOGNIZED AS INDEPENDENT AND STRAIGHTFORWARD AND LIELY TO RESIST STOOGH RULE."

3. ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ABOUT ASIKA IS IN NOV 4 ISSUE "WEST AFRICA" MAGAZINE. THIS ARTICLE SAYS "TONY ASIKA IS CONVINCED THAT THERE IS HOPE FOR THE IBOS IN THE NEW NIGERIA. HE POINTS OUT THAT THE NEW STRUCTURE OF THE FEDERATION IS SUCH THAT NO ONE GROUP CAN DOMINATE NOR HAVE, AS WAS POSSIBLE IN WHAT HE CALLS THE FEDERATION OF THE THREE OLIGOPOLIES, THE OPTION OF WITHDRAWING OR GANGING UP WITH ONE AGAINST ANOTHER." ASIKA SAYS "IT WOULD BE CRIMINAL FOOLY TO ENCOURAGE A STOCKADE MENTALITY IN THE IBO" BECAUSE "SECESSION WOULD MEAN REJECTING THEIR HISTORIC PATTERN OF MIGRATION AND VITIATE THEIR PROTESTANT ETHIC." ASIKA RECOGNIZES HIS MAIN PROBLEM IN ENUGU WILL BE RESTORE PEOPLE'S

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CONFIDENCE. "HE FEELS THAT THE COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF TRAGEDY WILL PROVIDE A NEW BASIS FOR DIALOGUE. THE IBO WILL SEE THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD A MASS OF LIES BY HIS PRESENT

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LEADERS." ARTICLE ALSO STATES ASIKA "ALREADY HAS A GROUP OF CIVIL SERVANTS READY TO GO WITH HIM TO ENUGU. SOME OF THESE WILL BE EASTERN IBOS WHO REMAINED LOYAL TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

4. EVIDENCE THAT LOYAL IBOS CAN GET FAIRLY HIGH JOBS IN FMG SHOWN IN CASE OF C. CHIKE CHUKWURA, WHO RETURNED LAGOS IN OCTOBER TO BECOME HEAD OF EUROPEAN-WESTERN HIMSHERE AND ASIA DIVISIONS IN MINEXTAFF. HE COMES FROM ONITSHA, AS DOES ASIKA. CHUKWURA HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE, HAVE SERVED AS CONSUL IN FERNANDO POO, ON STAFF OF NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO UNGA IN 1961, IN HIGH COMMISSION AT DAR ES SALAAM AND HE OPENED NIGERIAN MISSION IN KAMPALA. MOST RECENTLY HE WAS COUNSELOR OF NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS. WHEN POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON HIM IN MINEXTAFF (HE HANDLES US AFFAIRS) LAST WEEK HE WAS BOTH FRIENDLY AND FRANK. CHUKWURA SAID HE WAS THE FIRST IBO FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER TO RETURN TO LAGOS SINCE CIVIL WAR BEGAN. BECUASE HE RETURNED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AND HAS NOT HAD TROUBLE IN LAGOS THE WORD IS NOW SPREADING TO OTHER IBOS, HE SAID, THAT IT IS SAFE FOR IBO IVIL SERVANTS

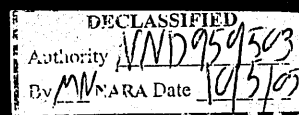
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TO RETURN TO LAGOS.

5. A FEW EXAMPLES MAY NOT ESTABLISH A TREND, BUT EMBASSY JUDGES THAT FMG WOULD WELCOME IBOS IF STATURE AND SUBSTANCE WHO WILLING TO COOPERATE AND WOULD GO TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO MAKE LIFE SAFE AND PROFITABLE FOR THEM.

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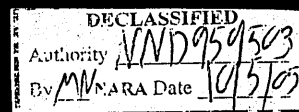
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SUBJ: OAU MISSION TO NIGERIA

I. IN MY INITIAL CALL ON NIGERIAN AMB HAASTRUP, HE SAID FMG
MOST ANXIOUS HAVE OAU MISSION, PARTICULARLY EMPEROR, PROCEED
LAGOS ASAP. COMMENTED MISSION, BECAUSE OF ITS PRESTIGE AND

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BECAUSE OF RESPECT IN WHICH GOWON HOLDS HIM, COULD INFLUENCE
FMG TO SOFTEN TERMS IT PREPARED OFFER BIAFRANS WHICH IN LONG
RUN WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT UNITED NIGERIA. HAASTRUP SAID HE
BELIEVED MISSION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF HIM COULD CONSTITUTE
IT WITH FOUR MEMBERS (HIM, ANKRAH, AHIDJO AND DIOR) SINCE
HE SPECULATED TUBMAN, FROM PERSONAL PIQUE, AND MOBUTU, BECAUSE
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1. Nigerian Ambassador Martins has expressed to Department officers concern over forthcoming visit Theodore Brown. Questioning whether Negro Leadership Conference actually represented 22 million Americans, as stated in telegram to FMG, Martins thought announcement of visit to six OAU commission presidents and Nigeria presumptuous prior receiving permission. Martins also mentioned personal concern that Brown would exploit visit for his own purposes.
2. Department officers described general nature Negro Leadership Conference, stated that visit was private and at initiative of Brown and his associates, and expressed personal view that decision lay entirely with FMG as to response Brown's telegram.
3. While Martins thought Brown should be received by FMG, for example, by ARIKPO, he apparently leaning to recommendation against Brown seeing Gowon. Department officers non-committal this point.

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SUBJE: OAU NON-DEVELOPMENTS

1. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT TUBMAN HIS INABILITY
ATTEND OAU CONSULTATIVE MISSION IN NIGERIA NOV 8 (MONROVIA
1808), NIGER EMBASSY HERE CONFIRMED TO PRESS THAT DIORI ALSO

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UNABLE ATTEND.

2. IT INTERESTING THAT CONTINUING FAILURE OAU MISSION GET ITSELF ORGANIZED HAS FINALLY PRODUCED STRONG ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION FROM "BIAFRA" RADIO. IN NEWS TALK NOV 5 SECESSION. 1ST RADIO LED OFF WITH FLAT STATEMENT THAT "OAU MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON NIGERIAN-BIAFRAN WAR HAS LET AFRICA DOWN". TALK CONTINUES BY SAYING "IT GREAT PITY THIS SHOULD BE CASE. WHEN BIAFRA HAD RECOURSE TO OAU IN BLIEF THAT WAR WHICH NIGERIA DECLERD ON BIAFRA IS STRICTLY AFRICAN PROBLEM, ONE EXPECTED COMMITTEE TO TACKLE THEIR JOB WITH PROMPTNESS AND URGENCY. WAS IT NOT CONCERN OF MEMBER STATES THAT FURTHER BLOODSHED AND WANTON DESTRUCTION OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY?"

3. "BIAFRANS" THEN ACCUSE COMMITTEE OF "DRAGGING THEIR FEET IN AN EFFORT TO ESCAPE THEIR PROBLEMS". NEWS TALK REFERS SARCASTICALLY TO FACT THAT "PERIOD OF THEIR ASSIGNMENT OFFERED BEST OPPORTUNITY TAKE PLEASURE TRIPS TO EUROPE

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OR CANADA FOR EXPO-67'. THIS ATTITUDE TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF MAN CHASING RATS WHILE HIS HOUSE IS ABLAZE. EITHER THEY (COMMITTEE MEMBERS) SAW THEIR TASK AS IMPOSSIBLE AND CHOSE RUN AWAY FROM IT OR THEY HAVE FALLEN VICTIMS TO GOWON'S LYING PROPAGANDA".

4. TALK WINDS UP BY ATTACKING BONA-FIDES OF COMMITTEE, SAYING MEMBERS "HAVE OPENLY DECLARED THEIR PARTISANSHIP". "PRESIDENT TUBMAN WENT EVEN SO FAR AS SEND CABLE TO SYG OF UN ASKING THAT BODY INTERVENE AND HELP GOWON REGIME FORCE ITS PEACE TERMS ON BIAFRA."

5. COMMENT; TO PUT IT MILDLY, "BIAFRANS" DO NOT EXPECT MUCH HELP FROM OAU MISSION FOR THEIR POINT OF VIEW AND SUCH NEWS TALKS WILL NOT ENDEAR BIAFRANS TO SIX OAU HEADS OF STATE INVOLVED.
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WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE OR CAN DEVELOP
ON AMERICANS MOVING THROUGH LUANDA TO "BIAFRA" OR OTHERWISE
INVOLVED IN NIGERIAN SITUATION.

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JOINT USIS/EMBASSY MESSAGE

1. ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, USIS
INSTALLATIONS WERE AGAIN THE TARGETS OF VANDALISM AND DEMONSTRATIONS.
NO GOOD REASONS FOR THESE VISITATIONS CAN BE FOUND, OTHER
THAN THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE TIME TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET REVOLUTION, AND STUDENT OPPOSITION
TO AMERICA'S VIET NAM POLICY.

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2. AS ALREADY REPORTED IN BERLIN'S 0582, DURING THE EARLY
MORNING HOURS OF NOVEMBER 5 THE FRONT DOOR AND SHOWCASES OF
THE AMERIKA HOUSE WERE SMEARED WITH ANTI-VIETNAM SLOGANS

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INCLUDING "US-SS" AND, IN GERMAN, "AMERICANS OUT OF VIETNAM".
3. EARLY ON NOVEMBER 6, LARGE AMOUNTS OF PAINT WERE SPLASHED ON THE SHOW WINDOWS OF MANNHOVER'S AMERIKA HOUSE. THAT SAME NIGHT, ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, EGGS FILLED WITH PAINT WERE THROWN AGAINST THE BUILDING. SO FAR THE POLICE HAVE NO CLUES AS TO THE CULPRITS.

4. ON NOVEMBER 7, AT 1400 HOURS, 100 SDS-ADHERENTS DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE HEIDELBERG AMERIKA HOUSE (GERMAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE). THEY CARRIED PLACARDS AND TWO VIET CONG FLAGS, AND SOOD AROUND PEACEFULLY FOR ABOUT 50 MINUTES MAKING ANTI-VIETNAM SPEECHES TO ABOUT 150 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AREA. ONE DEMONSTRATOR, APPARENTLY PLANTED IN THE LIBRARY, WENT ON TO THE BALCONY DURING THE DEMONSTRATION AND TRIED TO REMOVE THE AMERICAN FLAG, BUT WAS DISSUADED BY PRESS AND POLICE PRESENT IN THE INSTITUTE, THEN LEFT THE BUILDING. JUST BEFORE THE END OF THE DEMONSTRATION, A COPY OF ONE OF THE LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED ON THE STREET WAS HANDED TO THE INSTITUTE'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR.
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JOINT CONSULATE-USIS MESSAGE

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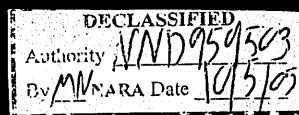
1. IBADAN DAILY SKETCH NOV 6 AGADU PUBLISHED SAME
PICTURE OF 1917 STYLE "WHITE MERCENARY" IT HAD
PUBLISHED IN OCT 9 ISSUE. WITH IT WAS FACSIMILE OF
TYPED LETTER FROM A GEORGE LLOYD OF CANBERRA

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(NO STREET ADDRESS), AUSTRALIA. WRITER SAID HE SAID
TO READ OF DEATH OF OLD COMRADE IN ARMS, MILLARD
PHILMORE, AMERICAN HE FIRST MET IN FRANCE IN 1917.
"HE WAS WILD LAD EVEN THEN AND MOST OF US...THOUGHT
HE WOULD COME TO BAD END...HE WAS WEARING THAT COFFEE POT
SLUNG FROM HIS BELT FIFTY YEARS AGO." SKETCH ADDS
THAT ORIGINAL PUBLICATION OF PHOTO CAUSED SOME
EMBARRASSMENT BECAUSE OF DATED GARB "AND IT WAS

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GREAT RELIEF TO GET GEORGE LLOYD'S LETTER THAT WE WERE NOT WRONG."

2. IN COURSE OF CALL ON OTHER BUSINESS ON NOV 6, BPAO WHITE SHOWED COPY OF ESQUIRE MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT FROM WHICH PHOTO TAKEN TO PETER ODUMOSU, MILGOVY SECY, POINTING OUT THAT WESTERN GOVT-OWNED SKETCH CLEARLY TAKEN IN BY HOAX AND WE WISHED HIM TO KNOW FACTS BEFORE SKETCH GOT IN ANY DEEPER.

3. AT ODUMOSU'S SUGGESTION ADVERTISEMENT SHOWN BY WHITE TO WESTERN INFO COMMISSIONER ONABANJO

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DURING CALL ON NOV 7 TO INTRODUCE DCPAO CARTER, ONABANJO SAID HE ALREADY CALLED SKETCH EDITOR ON CARPET FOR PRINTING LETTER WITHOUT MORE EVIDENCE ITS BONA FIDES. HE ASKED FOR COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE FURTHER

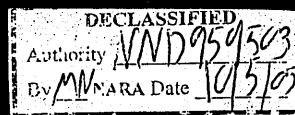
WORD WITH EDITOR. AS ALREADY REPORTED ONABANJO HAS BEEN GIVEN TASK OF REORGANIZING SKETCH AND HE APPEARED WELCOME FURTHER EVIDENCE ITS SLOPPY JOURNALISM. ONABANJO ALSO TRIED TO OBTAIN CARTER AND WHITE'S REACTION TO INCREASED SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND ANTI-AMERICANISM IN NIGERIAN PRESS. THEY CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH SAYING THAT WHAT WE SOUGHT WAS FAIR COVERAGE OF US.

4. IN LATER CALL TO INTRODUCE CARTER TO SKETCH MANAGING EDITOR AWOBOKUN, MERCENARY PHOTO NOT BROUGHT UP UNTIL QUESTION INDIRECTLY RAISED BY AWOBOKUN. WHEN SHOWN ADVERTISEMENT AWOBOKUN THOUGHT IT GREAT JOKE AND SAID HE WOULD PRINT ORIGINAL ADVERTISEMENT. WHETHER HE WILL OR NOT REMAINS TO BE SEEN BUT AT LEAST ALL CONCERNED WITH PUBLICATION OF

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SKETCH NOW REALIZE THEIR LEG HAS BEEN PULLED
AND APPARENTLY WITHOUT THEIR HACKLES BEING RAISED. AS LONG AS
NIGERIANS ABLE LAUGH AT JOKE ON THEMSELVES, THERE'S
HOPE FOR NIGERIA.

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SUBJECT: YORUBA UNITY

REF: IBADAN 249, LAGOS DAO 0452

1. PETER ODUMOSU, HEAD OF WESTERN NIGERIA CIVIL SERVICE
AND SECY TO WESTERN MILGOVT, TOLD ASST AID DIRECTOR
(PROTECT BOTH SOURCES) ON NOV 3 THAT HE HAD ATTENDED
"YORUBA UNITY" MEETING NOV 2 AT IKEJA. OTHER
PROMINENT YORUBAS ATTENDING INCLUDED CHIEF AWOLOWO,

PAGE 2 IBADAN 256BB C O N F I D E N T I A L
CONON ALAYANDE (BOTH LEADERS OF FORMER ACTION GROUP),
SOME WESTERN COMMISSIONERS,
THE OBA OF SHAGAMAIN AND SUCH LEADERS OF FORMER

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AMEMBASSY NIAMEY 019
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE 019

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1380

SUBJ: OAU MISSION TO NIGERIA

2. FONMIN KETEMA TOLD ME TODAY NOV 8 DATE FOR OAU MISSION

PAGE 2 RUGSDA 1380 C O N F I D E N T I A L
VISIT TO NIGERIA POSTPONED BECAUSE ONLY EMPEROR AND GOWON ABLE
TO ATTEND. HIM HAS ASSURED OTHER FOUR BY CABLE THAT HE
PREPARED GO AT LATER DATE, EMPHASIZING TO EACH HE QTE ALWAYS
AVAILALBE UNQTE TO ASSIST IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AFRICAN
MATTERS.

2. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTPONEMENT EXPECTED THIS

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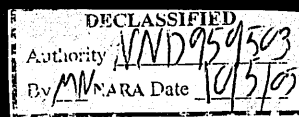
GON HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING DENIAL OF VOICE OF BIAFRA"
CHARGE THAT ARMED FORCES FROM NIGER ASSISTING FEDGOVT IN WAR
AGAINST BIAFRA: "NO NIGERIEAN CITIZEN, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN,
IS FIGHTING IN RANKS OF FEDERAL NIGERIAN ARMY. GON POSITION
REGARDING INTERNAL NIGERIAN CONFLICT IS WELL KNOWN. WHILE

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WE ARE OPPOSED ANY SECESSION AND REAFFIRM ONCE MORE OUR
ATTACHMENT AND MORAL SUPPORT TO GENERAL GOWON'S FEDGOVT, WE
HAVE NOT INTERVENED MILITARILY AND WE WILL NOT INTERVENE IN
A CONFLICT WHICH CONCERNS INTERNAL POLICIES OF A NEIGHBORING
STATE".

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1. FEDERAL NIGERIAN CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENUGU AND
"LIBERATED PARTS OF EAST-CENTRAL STATE" UKPABI ASIKA, PAID
FORMAL CALL ON GENERAL GOWON 4 NOVEMBER. PUBLIC REMARKS
BY GOWON INCLUDED REASSURANCE TO PEOPLE OF EAST-CENTRAL
STATE (READ IBOS) THAT THEY WILL BE "ACCORDED EQUAL TREATMENT
AND DIGNITY" WITH OTHER NIGERIANS, ACCORDING LAGOS RADIO
(FBIS REPORT N051930 NOVEMBER). ACCORDING DAILY TIMES,
GOWON SAID PEOPLE OF EAST-CENTRAL STATE WOULD "ENJOY EQUAL
TREATMENT IN RUNNING AFFAIRS OF FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT."

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2. ASIKA PAID COURTESY CALL NOVEMBER 1 ON LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

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DIETE-SPIFF RIVERS STATE MILITARY GOVERNOR. ASIKA REPORTERLY
DISCUSSED AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN RIVERS STATE AND
LIBERATED AREAS OF EAST-CENTRAL STATE.

3. MORNING POST NOVEMBER 2 REPORTED THAT OBI OF ONITSHA
HAD APPEALED TO ALL IBOS AT HOME AND ABROAD TO COOPERATE
FULLY WITH ASIKA. SINCE ONITSHA STILL IN BIAFRAN HANDS THIS
STORY APPARENTLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. LATOS STATE BUSINESSMEN
COMMITTEE AND SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE MADE PUBLIC
STATEMENTS URGING SUPPORT FOR ASIKA AND RENOUNCING OF
OJUKWU.

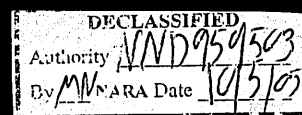
4. INTERVIEW OF ASIKA BY MORNING POST COLUMNIST REMI
ILORI OCCUPIED MOST OF CENTERFOLD PAGES SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER.
ENTITLED "MAN OF THE MOMENT," INTERVIEW BROUGHT OUT SOUND
IDEA THAT ASIKA HAS TO BECOME KNOWN AND TRUSTED BY PEOPLE
OF EAST-CENTRAL STATE IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE. ASIKA STATED
THAT HE WILL BE IN LAGOS "INDEFINITELY" TO COPE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE
PROBLEMS RATHER THAN GO TO ENUGU AT ONCE TO ESTABLISH OFFICE
THERE.

5. COMMENT: ASIKA IS MAKING GOOD INITIAL IMPRESSION BY

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DOING AND SAYING THE RIGHT THINGS. BUT HE FACES TREMENDOUS
JOB IN TRYING TO GET HIS VIEWS ACROSS TO PEOPLE IN EAST.
BIAFRA NEWS MEDIA APPARENTLY STILL IGNORING HIM.
MATHEWS

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only "Ojukwu's rebel clique," and the rebels have always attempted to show that they are united regardless of tribe.

It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to make an accurate estimate of the total number of non-combatants who died as a consequence of the Mid-Western military operations. The New York Times correspondent (Alfred Friendly, Jr., identified as source D) told the approving officer that he estimates about 5,000 were killed. The UK High Commission does not accept a report from Vatican sources which speaks of "tens of thousands" of civilians dying in Nigeria's civil war. The Embassy believes it would be a mistake to accept any specific figures or even general statements (such as "tens of thousands") which can be very misleading, until much more relevant information is available.

It is also very difficult to establish responsibility for the deaths that occurred. The "Voice of Biafra" radio blames Hausa/Fulani soldiers. But in Benin, according to a missionary, much of the killing of Ibos was done by local "Bini" tribesmen seeking revenge. In other places, such as Warri, it is said that Yoruba officers and soldiers either allowed or perpetrated some of the worst incidents. Therefore blanket condemnations of any one group are not entirely justified.

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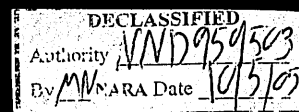
A. CIVILIAN DEATHS AFTER FEDERAL OCCUPATION:

1. Benin:

On 21 September, according to Sam Idah (source K), the Director of the Benin Cemetery on Ifon Road stated that 1,258 bodies had been buried there since the Federal troops had entered Benin the previous afternoon. The cemetery on East Circular Road had received 1,008 bodies. No check was made on the cemetery near Oloton Street or any other disposal site. Trucks from the Ministry of Works and Transport and from the Benin Development Council were used to haul the corpses to open pits. The directors of the cemeteries said that an unknown number of wounded Biafran soldiers, found at Benin Hospital and killed by Federal troops, were probably included in their totals. (K). Also on September 21, an official of the Public Health Service told Rev. Rooney, a Catholic missionary, that 989 civilians had been killed that day in the city. (M).
Comment: Such allegedly precise statistics are as difficult to question as they are to verify. One wonders who kept such an accurate count during the first two days that Federal troops occupied Benin. These

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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE DENY HELP TO BIAFRA

LISBON PRESS MORNING NOV 4 PUBLISHED REUTERS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON STATIN PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ISSUED "COMMUNICATION" DECLARING GOP HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PORTUGUESE NATIONAL BEING IN SERVICE BIAFRA AND THAT NONE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO WORK FOR THE SEPARATIST REGIME. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS "CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC" BETWEEN VARIOUS EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES, PORTUGAL "COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC." PORTUGUESE DENIAL FOLLOWED PRESS STORIES, SAID TO BE FROM LAGOS, IMPLYING PORTUGAL WAS AIDING BIAFRAN REGIME. ITEM CONCLUDED. BENNETT

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S E C R E T 0459 NOV 67. SGD JONES, ACTING. COUNTRY: NIGERIA.
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA
FOR DIACO: CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C AND DATT NIGERIA:
DA FOR ACSI.

1. FOL INFO AVAIL AS OF MORNING 04 NOV:
A. REF PAR 2 MY 0458 NOV 67. SECOND SOURCE MENTIONED REF PAR
DISCUSSED SITUATION SECOND DIV WITH DATT EVENING 03 NOV. IN
SPEAKING OF ORIGINAL, ABORTIVE ATTEMPT SECOND DIV TO CROSS RIVER

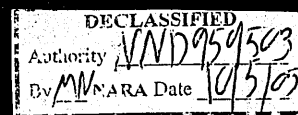
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INTO ONITSHA, SOURCE SAID ALL FACTORS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THESE
MESSAGES (SHORTAGE ADEQUATE RIVER TRANSPORT, LACK SUFFICIENTLY
HEAVY PRE-INVASION MORTAR AND ARTY FIRE, "RUSH JOB") ALL
CONTRIBUTED TO FMG FAILURE TO MAKE GO OF OPERATION. IN ADDITION,
HOWEVER, SOURCE SAID SINGLE LARGEST CONTRIBUTANT TO FAILURE WAS
FACT FIRST BN ACROSS INTO ONITSHA (WHICH GOT TO EASTERN SHORE
VIRTUALLY UNOPPOSED AND UNSCATHED) DIRECTLY DISOBEYED THEIR
OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WERE TO DIG IN AT BEACHHEDA

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AND HOLD IN POSITION SO AS TO ALLOW SUCCEEDING BNS INVASION FORCE TO PASS THROUGH THEM. RATHER, MEETING LITTLE OR NO INITIAL OPPOSITION, BN COMMANDER DECIDED TOWN WAS HIS FOR TAKING AND MOVED OUT OF BRIDGEHEAD AND INTO CENTER OF TOWN. REBEL DEFENDERS MOVED IN BEHIND HIM, CUT OFF HIS ROUTE WITHDRAWAL TO BEACH AND OPENED UP ON SECOND BN COMING IN WHICH THOUGHT IT LANDING ON SECURE BEACHHEAD. NET RESULT WAS DEFEAT FOR FMG FORCES IN THIS INITIAL ATTEMPT. SOURCE SAID APPROX ONE HUNDRED FMG TROOPS KILLED, SEVERAL HUNDRED WOUNDED. B. CONTRARY TO SOME OPINION VOICED ABOUT, HOWEVER, TO EFFECT SECOND DIV NOW WOULD NOT ATTEMPT FURTHER CROSSINGS; SOURCE SAID SECOND DIV WOULD MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT ACROSS FROM

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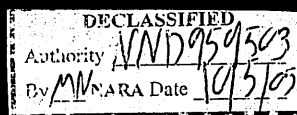
ASABA TO ONITSHA RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. (SOURCE RETURNS TO ASABA ON 07 NOV) AND THAT DIV NOW HAD SUFFICIENT RIVER TRANSPORT TO "PUT ENTIRE DIV ACROSS IN ONE OPERATION". SOURCE SAID BOATS NOW AVAILABLE CAME FROM COMMERCEIL USERS AT WARRI AND WERE BROUGHT UP ASSE RIVER WHICH RUNS NORTH TO SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE RIVER NIGER TO POINT NEAR ASABA FROM WHERE OPERATION WILL BE STAGED. SOURCE SEEMED ENTIRELY CERTAIN AND CONFIDENT NEXT ATTEMPT WOULD SUCCEED.

2. NIGERIAN NAVY: REF PAR 1D MY 0458 NOV 67. DESTINATION BODE THOMAS TO BONNY CONFIRMED. NNS BENIN AND BONNY RTN TO NAVAL BASE 040710 LOCAL NOV. LOKOJA AND OGOJA STILL IN DRYDOCK; NO DETAILS NATURE REPAIRS. RELIABLE SOURCE, HOWEVER, STATES "THEY WILL BE OUT FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS".

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 4103

SUBJ: SITUATION IN CALABAR

1. FMG FLEW SEVERAL DOZEN FOREIGN AND LOCAL NEWSMEN TO CALABAR FOR TOUR AND BRIEFING BY COMMANDING OFFICER IN AREA. LT. COL. ADEKUNLE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY MAJOR POINTS ELICITED FROM RETURNING CORRESPONDENTS:

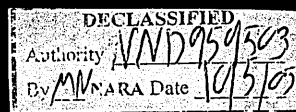
2. STATE OF THE CITY. CALABAR SHOT UP PRETTY BADLY, WITH MAIN DAMAGE PROBABLY COMING FROM NAVAL GUNFIRE. UNLIKE ENUGU THERE ARE SOME CIVILIANS IN TOWN. NO KNOWN REFUGEE CAMP, BUT ARMY RUNNING SOUP KITCHEN TYPE OPERATION TO FEED REMAINING

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CIVILIANS. NEWSMEN ESTIMATE THERE NO MORE THAN 5 TO 10 PERCENT OF CALABAR'S NORMAL POPULATION 70,000 REMAINING. ALMOST ALL LEFT ARE EFIKS. CONSIDERABLE FIRE DAMAGE AND SOME FIRES STILL BURNING.

3. MILITARY SITUATION. CORRESPONDENTS IN CENTER OF TOWN COULD HEAR SMALL ARMS FIRE. FROM QUICK INTERROGATION WOUNDED BEING BROUGHT HOSPITAL IT APPEARS THERE SKIRMISHES AS CLOSE AS THREE MILES. ADEKUNLE HIMSELF SAID BIAFRANS FIGHTING "POSITIONAL" TYPE WAR, WHICH NEWSMEN INTERPRET AS MEANING "BIAFRANS" FIGHTING IN ORGANIZED UNITS RATHER THAN GUERRILLA-TYPE RESISTANCE. ADEKUNLE ALSO SAID IBO POLICE FOUGHT VERY HARD. NEWSMEN DISCOUNT FMG CLAIMS FIVE "ASIAN" (THREE ALLEGED CHINESE) MERCENARIES WERE KILLED.

4. AIR ACTIVITY. BIAFRAN B25 MADE PASS OVER CALABAR WHILE NEWSMEN THERE. IT WAS DRIVEN OFF BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND MAY HAVE DROPPED BOMBS BUT NO VISIBLE OR AUDIBLE EFFECT SO FAR AS CORRESPONDENTS CONCERNED. PLANE DEPARTED IN DIRECTION

ELO TOME, BUT THIS GIVES NO REAL INDICATION ITS HOME BASE. ADEKUNLE NOTED RATHER FORCIBLY THAT HE HAD HAD NO AIR COVER WHEN LANDING TROOPS, A STATEMENT CONFIRMED BY

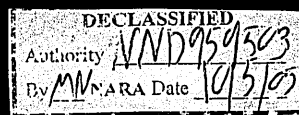
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CANADIAN MISSIONARY WHO THERE AT TIME.

5. NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR CALABAR. ADEKUNLE ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT E.A. EDET AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR CALABAR WITH EFFECT FROM OCT. 20. HE HAS REPORTEDLY "ALREADY ASSUMED DUTIES" BUT WAS NOT IN EVIDENCE FOR NEWSMEN. NO BIO YET AVAILABLE.

6. COMMENT. NEWSMEN BASICALLY IMPRESSED BY FMG ABILITY MOUNT AND PRESS TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION FAIRLY SOPHISTICATED OPERATION TO TAKE CALABAR. AT SAME TIME THERE WAS DETERMINED BIAFRAN RESISTANCE, AS ADEKUNLE HIMSELF SAID. PRESS CORPS REACTION TO VISIT GENERALLY FAVORABLE BUT TEMPERED WITH SKEPTICISM BY ADEKUNLE'S OCCASIONAL TENDENCY MAKE EXAGGERATED OR IMPROBABLE

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STATEMENTS, E.G., REBELS HAD POISON GAS, TOTAL OF 60 MERCENARIES
FIGHTING FOR BIAFRANS. HOWEVER, EXERCISE WAS A PLUS FOR FMG,
DESPITE FACT MANY MEMBERS PRESS SEEM HAVE ANTI-FMG
BIAS WHICH MAY STEM FROM THEIR FEELING THAT REBELS ARE UNDER-
DOGS.

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SUBJ: CHRISTIAN VON OPPENHEIM

REF: MADRID 1383

1. FOLLOWING MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO EMB LAGOS

A. VON OPPENHEIM'S WIFE AND FATHER-IN-LAW, ALAN WALKER, "DAILY TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT MADRID, REPORTED TO ACCEPT AS FACT THAT HE DIED IN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN OVER LAGOS OCT 8. FUNERAL MASS CELEBRATED IN MADRID

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OCT 18. (EMB HAS NOT PERSONALLY SEEN WALKER; PRECEDING BASED ON ACCOUNTS PEOPLE WHO HAVE.)

2. JOURNALIST IN RECENT CONTACT WITH LISBON SOURCES KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT NIGERIA-BIAFRA CONFLICT STATES FACT HIS DEATH ACCEPTED IN THESE CIRCLES.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 275
REF: LUANDA 268 (NOTAL PASEP LONDON)

SUBJ: IRISH REFUGEES COMMENT ON EASTERN NIGERIA

1. ACCORDING OTUATHAIL, THERE REMAIN 275 IRISH PRIESTS AND NUNS IN EASTERN NIGERIA. GROUP WHICH LEFT ON NOV 2 FLIGHTS WERE FROM AREAS OVERRUN OR UNDER SEIGE BY FEDERAL FORCES AND TEACHERS FROM SCHOOLS WHICH CLOSED.
2. CONGEN OFF OVERHEARD SENIOR PIDE OFFICIAL CALL UNMARKED CONSTELLATION WHICH DELIVERED REFUGEES AN "AIR TRANS-AFRICA AIRCRAFT." CREW IS RHODESIAN.
3. ACCORDING IRISH, COL. OJUKWU STILL IN EASTERN NIGERIA, OFTEN AT ABA. CONDITIONS AT A TEMPORARY STALEMATE BUT RENEWED,

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SEVERE FIGHTING MAY BREAK OUT AGAIN. PRIESTS EXPECT THIS

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WILL RESULT IN SEVERE BLOODSHED. IRISH CLAIM FEDERAL NIGERIAN TROOPS, WHICH SOMETIMES CANNOT BE CONTROLLED BY THEIR OFFICERS, HAVE DECIMATED SOME IBO VILLAGES. OTUATHAIL STATED EASTERNERS IN TURN SOMETIMES QUITE SEVERE WITH NON-IBOS IN AREAS THEY HAVE CONTROLLED.

4. ALSO STATED EASTERN NIGERIANS USING SOME WHITE MERCENARIES AS PILOTS, FEDERAL FORCES USE SOME AS ARMORED CAR DRIVERS, AND SOME BRITISH CIVIL SERVANTS TRAINING IBO MILITIA.

5. OTUATHAIL PLANS PROVIDE AMEMB DUBLIN COPY HIS REPORT ON EASTERN NIGERIA AFTER ARRIVAL DUBLIN.

6. HAVE TENTATIVELY BOOKED THIRTY-SIX IRISH ON TAP AIRCRAFT DEPARTING LUANDA FOR DUBLIN NOV 4 AND 5 VIA LISBON AND LONDON AND WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NIAMEY 626

IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE NOV 2, PRES. DIORI EXPRESSED
HEAVY PESSIMISM REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR OAU MISSION TO NIGERIA.

PAGE 2 RUFNCR 626MM C O N F I D E N T I A L
HE SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHEN OR EVEN WHETHER THE MEETING COULD
BE HELD UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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DIORI SAID HE WOULD VISIT MOROCCO NOV 6-10, THEN PROCEED PARIS WHERE SCHEDULED SEE DEGAULLE 13TH. RETURNING NIAMEY 14TH. EARLIEST HE COULD PARTICIPATE IN LAGOS MEETING WOULD BE NOV 16.

AHIDJO HAD TELEPHONED DIORI HE COULD NOT LEAVE YAOUNDE UNTIL NOV 20. DIORI APPEARED HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING PLANS OR INTENTIONS OTHER FOUR PARTICIPANTS.

DIORI SAID HESAW LITTLE UTILITY IN HAVING A MEETING UNLESS CONTACTS COULD BE MADE WITH BIAFRANS AS WELL AS FMG AUTHORITIES. MENTIONED GHANA AS POSSIBLE LOCUS FOR SUCH CONTACTS SAYING THEY NEED NOT TAKE PLACE IN NIGERIA. DIORI SAID POSSIBILITY SUCH CONVERSATIONS APPEARED BE DIM. HOWEVER, SINCE GOWON SEEMED INCREASINGLY INDISPOSED SUCH ROLE FOR OAU GROUP.

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REF: LAGOS 3944

SUBJECT: CAMEROON-CALABAR COMMUNICATIONS.

1. GERALD MOST AND TWO OTHER PERSONS HAVE REPORTED THAT CALABAR-
MAMFE ROAD STILL CONTROLLED BY BIAFRAN FORCES. HOWEVER TRAVEL BY
NON-BIAFRANS VERY RISKY. MOST WHO VISIT NIGERIA BORDER POST
OPPOSITE EKOK, CAMEROON LAST WEEK STATED POLICE HAD RADIO
CONTACT WITH BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES OUTSKIRTS CALABAR.

2. POST ATTEMPTING VERIFY THESE REPORTS THROUGH AMCIT RESIDING
IN MAMFE. PARKER

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SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR
DIACO: CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C, DA FOR ACS1.
1. ON 03 NOV, RELIABLE SOURCES HQ NIGERIAN ARMY SAID:
A. ENUGU: CITY REMAINS SECURE; OCCASIONAL REBEL HARRASSING
ATTACKS ON FEDERAL POSITIONS SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF CITY

CONTINUE.
B. EHA AMUFU: BATTLE THIS AREA CONTINUES WITH FEDERAL THIRD

PAGE 2 RUTALS 0098CC S E C R E T
BRIGADE (REINFORCED) OPPOSING BULK DEFENDING REBEL FIFTY THIRD
BRIGADE ONE BN OF WHICH BELIEVED DEFENDING AT BRIDE PAST TOWN
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EMEME (0828N 0734E).
C. CALABAR: CITY PROPER CLEARED. SPORADIC FIRE FIGHTS CONTINUE

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SURROUNDING BUSH AREAS AS FEDERAL PATROLS CONTINUE EFFORTS CLEAR AREA REBEL STRAGGLERS, PATROLS AND OTHER SMALL FORMATIONS. FEDERAL PLANES CONTINUE FLY REQUIRED AMMO AND SUPPLIES INTO CALABAR ON DAILY SCHEDULE. FEDERAL OB NOW HOLDS REBEL NINTH BN, FORMERLY CALABAR, NOW ORON.

1. BONNY/PORT HARCOURT: FEDERAL REINFORCEMENTS CONTINUE ARRIVE. LIEUTENANT BODE THOMAS DEPARTED LAGOS 030515 WITH TROOPS AND SUPPLIES BELIEVED DESTINED FOR BONNY. REBEL CLAIMS OCCUPY BONNY SCOPPED AT HERE. POINTED OUT NNS NIGERIA AND SDB NOW ON SCENE PLUS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED FEDERAL TROOP STRENGTH. SOURCES ALLEGE NIGERIA AND SDB FIRED ON REBEL POSITIONS DAWES ISLAND 02 NOV. FEDERAL AIR ATTACKS AIRFIELD AND DOCK AREAS PORT HARCOURT CONTINUE. FED OB CONTINUES HOLD REBEL EIGHT BN PORT HARCOURT.

2. SECOND DIV COMMANDER, COLONEL MURITALLE

MUHAMMED, PLUS HIS INTELL OFFICER LTC B.M. USMAN, ARRIVED LAGOS

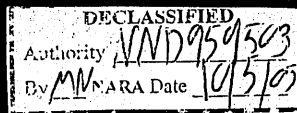
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FROM ASABA AFTERNOON 02 NOV. HAD LONG CONFERENCE WITH GOWON AND C/S BISALA EVENING 02 NOV. BOTH SEEN IN CONFERENCE ARMY STAFF OFFICERS AT ARMY HQ MORNING 03 NOV. BELIEVED MUHAMMED IN LAGOS TO PUSH FOR "MORE RESOURCES".

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INT	LAB	TAR	Enclosed are comments on the Midwest campaign as seen by an American teacher at Asaba. The Eastern invasion of the Midwest began late on August 8; organized "Biafran" resistance ended by October 8 when Federal forces completed the occupation of Asaba.					
TR	XMB	AIR	The source is a 31-year-old American Catholic lay brother. He has both a Masters and a Doctorate degree in Mathematics from Ohio State University. Since January, 1965, he has lived at Asaba as superior of three mission stations: St. Patrick's (Boys) College at Asaba, another secondary school at Ekpoma on the Benin-Ubiaja road, and a grammar school at Fugar near Agenebode on the Niger. He understands the Ibo language without difficulty. Although he claims he can not speak Ibo well, he was seen to give a public address in Ibo to an assembly of Chiefs in November, 1966.					
ARMY	CIA	NAVY	The source has a wide circle of acquaintances and knows Nigeria well, except for the northernmost portions. Much of the information recounted came from Major (Dr.) Okonkwo, who was appointed Military Administrator of the MidWest by Ojukwu. The American made no special effort to observe or remember data and has asked that he be protected as a source. The American informant is obviously knowledgeable and close to events where he lived, but some of his information does not jibe with other reports on what happened in the Midwest.					
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The most interesting items in his comments are: (1) his description of the "Banjo plot" as it was seen by senior Midwest officials; and (2) the indication in his comments that Gowon and Ojukwu were in communication as late as after the capture of Benin.

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Military Campaign in Midwest Nigeria August - October, 1967

1. "BIAFRAN" INVASION OF THE MIDWEST

By Friday, August 4, 1967, it was known in Asaba that the Midwest would soon be invaded from the east. Many Midwest officers knew of the plans; some of them had gone to Biafra earlier to help in making preparations. Lieut. Colonel Nwawo, Commander of the Fourth Area Command at Benin, was probably aware of the impending invasion. Lieut. Colonel Okwechime certainly knew of it. Lieut. Colonel Nwajei did not know and was never trusted by the anti-Lagos elements in the Midwest. After the Biafran take-over, Nwajei was sent back to his home village of Ibusa where he was said to be engaged in repainting his home until just before the arrival of Nigerian troops in the area. Major Albert Okonkwo, a doctor at Benin Hospital who was later appointed military administrator of the Midwest, did not know in advance of the invasion. Lieutenant (later Major) Joseph Isichei and Lieut. Colonel Chukwurah were at least informed in advance. Major Samuel Ogbemudia participated in the invasion, probably by prior agreement. [Comment: This has not been confirmed by other reports and is in contradiction to Ogbemudia's own story of what happened.]

2. EXECUTION OF THE INVASION

At 2130 hours August 8, Biafran Army units came across the Onitsha-Asaba Bridge and disarmed the Asaba garrison, which was then stationed at St. Peter's Teacher Training College. The Biafrans went on to the Catering Rest House where Midwest Army officers were living and disarmed the officers except Major Asama, the local commander, who escaped and drove to Agbor. Asama telephoned Military Governor Ejoor in Benin from Agbor about 2230 hours. There were no casualties at Asaba except for one soldier (or officer) wounded in the leg by a gunshot.

The invading force drove to Agbor where it divided into three columns. One column drove northwards towards Auchu and Agenebode on the Niger opposite Idah. A second column went south to Warri and Sapele. The main force, led by "Brigadier" Victor Banjo who was also overall commander of the invasion force, was supposed to drive on to Benin. Banjo's orders were to capture Ijebu-Ode in the Western State and reach Ibadan on 9 August, and to reach Ikeja near Lagos by 10 August, setting up a blockade force there to seal off the capital city. However, the main column halted in Agbor for six hours and only reached Benin

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at dawn. There was no real resistance in Benin although skirmishing went on until noon. No civilians were killed in Benin. The main column left Benin for Ijebu-Ode in the early afternoon. It was stopped or did stop at Ore, just inside the Western State border, where it eventually fought and later retreated.

3. MILITARY GOVERNOR EJOOR:

Upon receiving the telephone call from Major Asama about the Biafran invasion at Asaba, Brigadier Ejoor left his wife and children at State House and went to the Benin Hospital, where he gave his personal weapon to his friend, Dr. Albert Okonkwo, and borrowed Okonkwo's official car, a Mini-motor to proceed to Bishop Patrick Kelly's house. Ejoor obtained asylum with the Bishop. He stayed in the Seminary next door to the Bishop's house for almost two weeks, receiving visitors including Brigadier Banjo. Colonels Nwawo and Nwajei and Major Okonkwo (then Military Administrator of the Midwest) called on Brigadier Ejoor several times to persuade him to make a speech supporting the new administration. Ejoor refused. He was told that he was free to go wherever he wished without molestation, and he went back to Isoko, his native area (Isokos are a subtribe of the Urhobos and live in the Delta). Ejoor was at his home when the Federal forces captured it.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DR. ALBERT OKONKWO AS MILITARY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MIDWEST:

Meanwhile, on August 9, after the taking of Benin, Banjo made a speech to the people. He announced the impending appointment of a Military Administrator but there was considerable difficulty among the Biafran and Midwest leaders in selecting a suitable man. First choice was someone from either the Ishan or Afenmai areas. Someone from the Delta would have been next choice and ~~preferable~~ preferable to an Ika Ibo. However, the stalemate continued until Biafran leader Ojukwu intervened and selected Major (Dr.) Albert Okonkwo. Ojukwu did not know Okonkwo except by reputation, but Okonkwo had these assets: (1) he had an American wife, which cut the family/tribe relationship problem in half; (2) he was politically "sterile," having been overseas for many years and not associated with any political party or faction; (3) and he had been in the Nigerian Army for only a year and was not tainted with Army politics. Comment: he was also reputed to be effective and sympathetic to the eastern point of view/

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Okonkwo accepted the appointment as Military Administrator on two conditions: (1) He wanted no military duties or responsibility, and (2) it must be perfectly clear from the beginning that the Midwest would not be part of Biafra.

5. ACTIVITIES OF VICTOR BANJO:

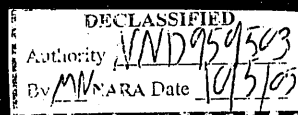
As soon as Okonkwo became Military Administrator, Banjo was recalled to Enugu to explain the failure of the military campaign. During his absence the Midwest Administration was established (an Advisory Council and an Administrative Council). Banjo succeeded in convincing Biafran leaders in Enugu that his halt at Ore had been dictated by military necessity. He then returned to the Midwest front. He was technically still an officer in the Biafran Army (as opposed to Okonkwo, who never was).

Banjo informed Okonkwo of the military situation through Major Isichei, "Chief of Staff of the Midwest", and Okonkwo's liaison with Banjo's headquarters. Isichei later commented that he had noticed the headquarters staff never discussed plans or operations in his presence. Through Isichei, Banjo told Okonkwo that Auchi had been lost after a fierce battle when, in fact, it had been abandoned before the Nigerian troops reached it.

Okonkwo noticed that Banjo obtained money by requisition from him for material, food and officer's salaries, thus drawing on the Midwest treasury. On 19 September, Okonkwo telephoned Enugu to complain about this method of doing business. He found out from Army HQ in Enugu that Banjo was simultaneously drawing funds from Biafra for all these supplies. It was news to the Biafran Army HQ that Banjo was asking for funds from the Midwest, since Enugu was paying for his supplies and salaries. Okonkwo sent Major Isichei to arrest Banjo for embezzlement, but they found that he had already left Benin. He had left orders for all Midwest and Biafran soldiers to fall back to Agbor. Okonkwo then discovered that Auchi had not been defended and that, in fact, Banjo had not been defending the Midwest as he had been claiming to Okonkwo. Okonkwo ordered the Midwest Government to move to Asaba at once, which it did that day. The Government was set up in the expatriate houses behind the textile factory.

During the night of 19-20 September, Banjo was arrested in Agbor. He was courtmartialed in Enugu on 22 September. Okonkwo participated in the courtmartial and Ojukwu was present. Banjo was shot by a firing squad on 23 September with three other military men: a Calabar officer who had commanded at Auchi, the "man from Ila who shot Abubakar"

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/Major Ifeajuna/, and another officer unknown to source. No civilians were executed as a result of this courtmartial, although civilians were connected with the plot. /Reports from reliable sources received previously state that the four men executed included a civilian, Samuel Agbam, who was formerly in Ministry of External Affairs/

6. NATURE OF THE BANJO PLOT:

Banjo freely admitted in his testimony that a group of Yorubas on both sides of the battle were plotting together to take over the Lagos and Enugu Governments and unite Nigeria under Chief Awolowo. Gowon, Ojukwu, and Okonkwo were to be eliminated; Gowon was to have been killed by Yoruba officers in the Federal Army. When arrested in Agbor on 19/20 September, Banjo had offered no resistance because, he said then, it was too late to stop the affair and the plot was already in motion. His role, he said, was already accomplished. As far as is known, Banjo died without revealing the names of his collaborators in Lagos.

Okonkwo was fearful that the assassination of Gowon would prevent the Heads of State mission of the Organization of African Unity from coming to Nigeria. Okonkwo believed that the OAU mission held the best hope of sorting out the Nigerian war. Therefore, late on 19 September or early on 20 September (at any rate, before the declaration of the Republic of Benin at 0700 hours 20 September), Okonkwo warned Gowon by telephone. Okonkwo probably also told Gowon that the plot was due to break very soon, because that was what Banjo had indicated. Whether Ojukwu knew of or agreed with Okonkwo's warning to Gowon is unknown. Okonkwo was very independent of Ojukwu and would have acted without his consent if he wished. /On 20 September, roadblocks were suddenly and rather severely enforced in Lagos. They were removed after about 48 hours as mysteriously as they had appeared/

7. THE DECLARATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN

In August, Major Okonkwo tape-recorded four or five broadcasts to be used when possible. These included the Declaration of Independence and the Proclamation of the Republic of Benin, as well as a decree setting up a Benin Central Bank, a Benin University, etc. The Republic of Benin Proclamation was delayed while the consent of the Oba of Benin was sought. The Oba's position was that he would not oppose the Proclamation; the Midwest government, however, wanted

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his positive agreement with the project. Finally, just when the Oba had been convinced that the Republic was "best for his people," the actions of Banjo were discovered and the Midwest seemed about to be lost, or at least Benin was undefended. Okonkwo went ahead with the broadcast early on 20 September in order to record for history that the Midwest was separate from Biafra. It was the last act of his government in Benin.

Gowon subsequently informed Ojukwu that the establishment of the Republic of Benin would not give him two delegations at any peace talks. Gowon said he would bring delegations from each state in Nigeria if Okonkwo came as an equal. Ojukwu replied that the twenty separate provinces in Biafra were at least as independent as the Nigerian states and would come if the states sent delegations. [This telephone conversation between the two leaders was reported to the source at the time by Okonkwo, who said he had offered to keep the "Republic of Benin" out of the negotiations so as not to impede them]. At this time, General Ankrah of Ghana was in "daily" telephone contact with Ojukwu. Ankrah was thought by Okonkwo to be disappointed in both leaders of the warring factions in Nigeria, but more angry at Gowon because he would not let Ankrah mediate. Okonkwo knew details of the OAU conference in Kinshasa which apparently were provided him through the Ghanaians. The Midwestern officials thought that Ankrah had visited Enugu after the OAU conference.

8. MAJOR SAMUEL OGBEMUDIA

On 9 August, when Banjo's main force left Benin for Ijebu-Ode, it was composed of both Biafran and Midwest units. Midwest troops [who are mostly Ibos] had joined the "liberation Army" as early as Asaba the previous evening. Commander of the Midwest forces with Banjo was Major Samuel Ogbemudia. When the troops reached Ore and halted, Ogbemudia defected and proceeded the same evening to Lagos. He rejoined the Federal Army on August 9. [This report is not confirmed by any other source. The battle of Ore did not really begin until August 14. Ogbemudia did not arrive in Lagos until September 9, according to his own report and talk with DATT shortly afterward.] Also absent from source's account of events insofar as they affect Ogbemudia, is the fact that Ogbemudia, according to Lt. Col. Bisala, C/S Nigerian Army, phoned Bisala at his Lagos home at about 0720 hours on August 9 to report to Bisala what was developing in Benin.]

Ogbemudia's father is of mixed Beni-Ika extraction, as his home village near Agbor is inhabited by a tribally mixed people (the Ikas and Benis in the Midwest blend gradually together; there is no distinct tribal boundary). Ogbemudia's mother is a "pure Ibo" from the East.

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9. FINAL MILITARY OPERATIONS OF THE MIDWEST ARMY

From 20 September onwards, the Midwest Army began to lose "stragglers" who preferred to leave their units and wander to some safer area. On the evening of 22 September, the Midwest paymaster, Col. Morah, a man from Eze near Onicha Olona, offered £3,000 to an American in Asaba if the American would arrange for Morah to get \$5,000 upon his arrival in the United States. This would have been a profit of about \$3,400 to the American. The offer was refused. Morah later (Sept. 25) disappeared with £33,000. Because of this and similar signs of disintegration in the Midwest, expatriates in Asaba began to leave on 23 September.

On 27 September, Okonkwo called a meeting of all Midwest civil servants. They met in a field behind the textile factory. Okonkwo told them that, if the Federal Army reached Agbor, he would close the Onitsha Bridge. He would not let the civil servants abandon the population of Asaba to the inevitable massacre when the Federal Army reached the town.
[The people of Asaba knew by this time of the killings in Benin and "everyone assumed," according to source, that it would happen in Asaba/.

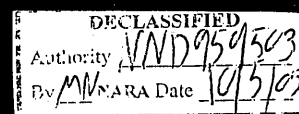
From 20 September there were no Biafran soldiers stationed west of Umunede, which is at the crossroads east of Agbor. Federal troops began to pour into Agbor on 30 September, without opposition. During the campaign, four civilians died in Agbor: two children, an old man and an old woman, all killed by accidents. Reports of massacres there by Biafrans or Nigerians are not accepted by source, who has visited Agbor several times since. Okonkwo went to Enugu on 30 September, summoned by Ojukwu for a meeting. This was the last time Okonkwo was seen in the Midwest.

On October 1, Midwest commanders in Umunede and Igueben, south of Ubiaja on the Auchu-Agbor road, fled from their position. Their Biafran subordinates promptly retreated. Constant streams of retreating Biafran and Midwest troops filed through Asaba on October 2 and 3; the Biafrans were usually mounted in vehicles while the Midwesters had to walk. The attitude of the Biafran soldiers and officers was that they would not fight for the Midwest if the Midwest Army did not want to fight. The majority of the Midwest soldiers went across the river to Biafra.

In Asaba on 2 October, the elders and chiefs met to consider sending a ~~delegation~~ delegation to the Nigerian Army, surrendering the city and asking protection in return for help in finding and capturing Biafran soldiers in the town. This effort was thwarted by Cadet Uchei, a

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a Midwesterner educated in the north, who brought soldiers to stop the delegation with the threat of death.

At this time, some 35 non-Ibos were rounded up and given shelter at St. Patrick's College on the west border of Asaba. Twice Cadet Uchei brought soldiers to kill these refugees and arrest the Americans in charge of the school. On the first occasion, the attempt was stopped by Lt. Christian Ogbulo, ADC to Okonkwo. A Cadet Williams from Ogwashi-Uku brought soldiers to rescue the Americans from Uchei's second attempt.

Also on October 2, Col. Chukwurah, who had been commander at Agbor, came to Asaba and told the Midwest Army HQ staff that he had overthrown Okonkwo and was now Military Governor of the Midwest. Chukwurah fled across the Onitsha Bridge before nightfall, ending the shortest reign of any Military Governor in Nigeria.

Only two of the officers of the Midwest Army are known NOT to have fled from battle at some time during the campaign. Major Joe Isichei (who was a Lieutenant on August 9) and Lieut. Col. Achusia (a man in his fifties who had been in the Congo) were both killed at Ogwashi-Uku in a fire fight there. The two officers had probably been trapped there by the premature blowing of a bridge over a steep ravine just outside Ibusa. Gathering a few soldiers, they made a futile effort to shoot their way out. Okwechimewas seen in Onitsha at this time; he had been wounded. By the evening of October 2, the Midwest Army was completely dissolved.

10. THE BATTLE FOR ASABA

From 0600 October 4, machine gun and mortar fire could be heard near Asaba but the direction of the sound was uncertain. Later it was discovered that the firing came from the Northern road (Asaba-Issele-Uku road) and not from the Ibusa road. At about 1300 hours October 4, as the staff of St. Patrick's College was leaving the dining room, the first mortar shell landed on the soccer field on the campus. Mortar shelling continued until dark. Nigerian troops reached the north edge of the campus, along the Asaba-Agbor road, at about 1700 hours and exchanged machine gun fire with Biafran soldiers in the bush behind the buildings, which are near the south edge of the 3/4-mile wide campus. Gun fire was heavy and the Biafrans at least, took serious casualties (twelve bodies were found later on the lawn; no attempt was made to search the bush).

Machine gun fire from both sides continued all night. At 0530 October 5,

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Nigerian soldiers of the 71st Battalion advanced across the campus, ignoring the fire, and drove the steady but outnumbered Biafrans back towards the town. The American staff thought the Nigerian soldiers were "the best disciplined body of soldiers ever seen, bar none."

By noon of October 5, there were six battalions lined up on the road in front of the college, according to Captain Johnson, an Ijaw (probably) who was third in command of the 71st. Despite vehicles moving up during the night, they still stretched for five miles to the west on the morning of October 6.

Inside Asaba, Cadet Uchei on the morning of October 5 told the people that the Nigerian soldiers had been driven into the bush. Between 200 and 300 civilians started from town, celebrating, doing war dances, and waving dane guns and cutlasses, intending to help hunt for Nigerian stragglers. Near the Esso Petrol Station just before the Anglican Girls Grammar School, this group of civilians was killed to a man by Federal machine gunners. Nigerian officers were angry at this and later said they hoped to get Cadet Uchei in particular, holding him responsible for these deaths.

By the evening of October 6, Nigerian forces held the road all the way into the Catholic Mission, two miles inside Asaba. Biafran resistance west of the Niger was for all intents and purposes finished.

11. REMARKS ON NIGERIAN SOLDIERS IN ASABA

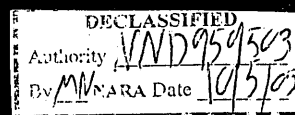
The 71st Battalion was commanded by Major Alini, a Yoruba. Second in command was a Tiv officer, older than Alini (who was perhaps forty years old). Captain Johnson, a very gracious individual, was next ranking officer. The men of this battalion were mostly Yoruba and Tiv with some Delta (Ijaw) men. Most were Christians and almost all spoke English. They were disciplined, courageous and polite.

Captain Johnson ordered the Americans to leave Asaba by the morning of October 6. The reason was understood to be that the 71st Battalion was unable to guarantee the safety of the Americans from the "second wave" of Nigerian soldiers, known as "the Sweepers" to the first group.

"The Sweepers" were only briefly observed, but they wore long hair, had tribal marks unknown to the source (close-hatching on both cheeks), and apparently were at least willing to live up to their reputation as "exterminators." However, Alini and his men had gotten many

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civilians out of Asaba and into the bush before the second wave arrived. It was apparent to the American observers that there was a conflict of policy between the fighting elements and the follow-up elements of the Nigerian Army.

A Hausa lieutenant from the second group of soldiers attempted on the evening of October 5 to arrest the American teachers at St. Patricks College, as well as their non-Ibo refugees, because, he claimed, his troops had been fired at from the school. Captain Johnson summoned Major Alini who came at once. The Lieutenant claimed to be acting for a "Major Jordane," but a check proved this false. Alini sent the Lieutenant and his men away and posted a guard at the school until the staff and refugees left Asaba.

Later it was reported that a Captain Paul Ogbegbor, told to get rid of one-half of a group of several hundred Asaba citizens rounded up on October 7, marched his contingent into the bush out of sight, told the people to run, and had his men fire harmlessly into the ground. The other half of this group was shot behind the Catholic Mission and their bodies thrown into the Niger River. Other sources have reported that Ogbegbor performed the same life-saving deception in Ogwashi-Uku.

Subsequent observations of the Nigerian Army in Asaba and the Midwest have been reported to Col. Halligan.

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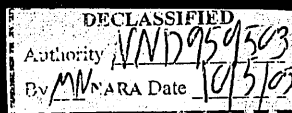
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TOWN PATANI (0514N 0612E) ON FORCADOS RIVER (JUST WEST NIGER

RIVER) BEING USED AS FORWARD BASE FOR OPERATIONAL PATROLS AND RELATED HARRASSING OPERATIONS TARGETTED AGAINST REBEL POSITIONS RIVERS STATE. C/S SAID, WITH RESPECT HARCOURT OPERATIONS THIRD DIV, HE BELIEVED BEST AVAIL AVENUE APPROACH WAS FROM SOUTH USING RELATIVELY DEEP WATER CAPABILITIES CANTHORNE CHANNEL, SOMBRIERO RIVER AND RELATED CREEKS WEST MAIN BONNY CHANNEL. HE DID NOT APPEAR FAVOR MAKING EFFORT VICINITY TOWN OPOBO (0434N 0733E) DUE VERY SHALLOW BAR CROSSING AT MOUTH OPOBO RIVER. HE DID NOT SEEM FAVOR, EITHER, MAKING MAIN EFFORT FOR HARCOURT FROM CREEKS THROUGH RIVERS STATE WEST OF HARCOURT. HE VIEWED THIS AS "TOO VULNERABLE" BECAUSE LONG DISTANCES INVOLVED. SOURCE, HOWEVER, DID NOT SEEM RULE OUT COMPLETELY CONCEPT SUPPORTING OR RELATED OPERATIONS AGAINST "TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS YENAGOA" IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAIN EFFORT AGAINST HARCOURT. SOURCE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT IN LONG RUN, FINAL CHOICE STRATEGY AND TACTICS TO BE USED WERE PEROGATIVE THIRD DIV COMMANDER WHONTHARGED WITH RUNNING OPERATION WITHIN BOUNDS RESOURCES PROVIDED BY FMG.

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3. ARMY SOURCES SAID 02 NOV FIGHTING EHA AMUFU AREA STILL VERY TOUGH AND FEDERAL FORCES ONLY ABOUT HALF WAY TO CEMENT

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FACTORY NORTH NKALAGU. SOURCES SAID INITIAL CASUALTIES BOTH SIDES "HEAVY" BUT THAT REBEL RESISTANCE STARTING WEAR THIN AND FEDERAL CASUALTIES NOW "RELATIVELY LIGHT" AS COMPARED CONTINUING "HEAVY CASUALTIES" FOR REBEL FORCES.

4. NIGERIAN NAVY: REF PAR 6, MY 0447 OCT 67: LOKOJA AND OGOJA STILL ON DRYDOCK; NO DETAILS OUTRE REPAIRS OR DATE RELEASE FROM DRYDOCK. TENDER BODE THOMAS MOVED INTO BERTHING POSITION NAVY YARD APAPA 01 NOV. PAST PATTERN HAS INDICATED TROXS GENERALLY LOADED TRANSPORTS THIS LOCATION.

5. FEDERAL EQUIPMENT: COMPETACT AMCIT SOURCE SAW EIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS MOUNTED ON LOW, FOUR WHEELED CARRIAGE BEING TOWED UNCOVERED THROUGH APAPA IN DIRECTION LAGOS PROPER 01 NOV. BEST ESTIMATE BASED DESCRIPTION AND PHOTO STUDY IS THESE WERE SOVIET 25MM AA GUNS M-1940. NOTHING MORE FIRM AT THIS TIME.

6. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. REF PAR 4, MY 0445 OCT 67: INFO MADE AVAIL DATT INDICATES WEAPONS ALL TWELVE GAUGE MODELS MANUFACTURED BY AGUIREE Y ARANZABAL, EIBAR, SAPIN. THEY WERE CONSIGNED TO TRAFFICO UNIVERSAL, DISPUTACION 8, BILBAO, SPAIN.

B. LOCAL RADIO ANNOUNCED 02 NOV PROGRAM COMPULSORY CONSCRIPTION

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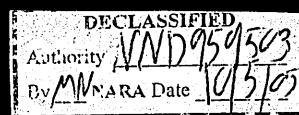
NIGERIAN MALES. NO DETAILS YET AVAILABLE.

C. REF PAR 4, MY 0381 OCT 67:

AMCIT OBSERVER IN AREA SAID SOIL CEMENT STABILIZER NOW BEING LAID WITH THIS PORTION PROJECT APPROX FIFTY PERCENT DONE. IF WEATHER HOLDS AS AT PRESENT, BLACK TOP

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WILL BE LAID AND PROJECT I COMPLETED APPROX 10 NOV. COMPLETION
THIS STRIP MOST SIGNIFICANT THIS TIME IN VIEW DEVELOPING
OPERATIONS PORT HARCOURT. GP-3.

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JOINT CONSULATE-USIS MESSAGE

SUBJECT: PICTURE OF A WHITE MERCENARY

REF: IBADAN'S 217

1. EXPAT EMPLOYEE OF BDHC WHILE THUMBING THROUGH OLD
MAGAZINES ACCIDENTLY CAME ACROSS A PICTURE OF THE SAME
"WHITE MERCENARY" WHICH PUBLISHED IN OCT 9 EDITION OF
DAILY SKETCH UNDER CAPTION "PICTURES DON'T TELL LIE." THIS
LATER AMENDED ON OCTOBER 11 TO SAY THAT PICTURE NOT

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PHOTO OF WHITE MERCENARY BUT ONE
DROPPED BY ONE OF OJUKWU'S WHITE MERCENARY. PICTURE
FOUND BY EXPAT ON PAGE 125 OF FEBRUARY 1966 ESQUIRE
MAGAZINE (COPIES BEING POUCHED) OVER AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR
THE BRAND NAMES FOUNDATION, INC. ENTITLED "PRACTICALLY
EVERYTHING A MAN CAN WEAR IS A BETTER BUY IN A FAMOUS
BRAND."

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2. FOR LAGOS: SINCE EXPAT TORE PAGE OUT OF MAGAZINE,
IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF FEBRUARY 1966 ESQUIRE OR
OTHER MAGAZINE IN WHICH THIS AD CAMPAIGN MAY HAVE BEEN
CONTINUED COULD BE SENT TO POST IN ORDER THAT OUR
FRIENDS AT SKETCH CAN BE SHOWN ORIGINAL PHOTO.

EXEMPT. MITHOEFER

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AMCONSUL KADUNA
AMEMBASSY LONDON
DA GRNC

SECRET 0452 NOV 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA.
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA
FOR DIACO: CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C: DA FOR ACS1.
1. REFERENCE

1. ALL USDAO LAGOS MESSAGES)
A. PAR 2C, 0170, 5 MAY 67.
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C. PAR 6, 0193, 23 MAY 67.

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D. PAR 6, 10L00, 29 MAY 67.
E. PAR 1, 0255, 24 JUNE 67.
FAW PAR 2, 0262, 30 JUNE 67.

2. ON EVENING 01 NOVEMBER, AMCIT COMMERCIAL SOURCE IN
CONVERSATION WITH DAO MAP OFFICER REVEALED HE HAD
SPOKEN TO

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ZBERODADEBAYO, NIGERIAN ARMY, MIL GOVERNOR WESTERN
STATE, EARLIER THIS WEEK IN IBADAN. SOURCE SAID ADEBAYO HAD
TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFERED POSITION AS AMBASSADOR TO
UNITED STATES AND WAS GOING TO ACCEPT IT AT "LATER DATE". ADE
MARTINS, PRESENT NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES IS TO
"MOVE TO POSITION NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS WHICH

POST ABOUT TO BE VACATED BY CHIEF ADEBO". ADEBAYO ALSO
INDICATED HE THOUGHT WESTERN STATE WOULD "EVENTUALLY BE SPLIT
INTO TWO SEPARATE STATES."

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In accordance with instructions contained in referenced telegrams, the Embassy addressed a note to the Department of External Affairs requesting that the B-25 aircraft (N-9868C) which had been operating illegally in Eastern Nigeria, be detained in the event that it should land in Sierra Leone. The Embassy also asked to be informed of any information that might become available as to the aircraft's possible movements in this area.

By a note dated October 20, 1967, External Affairs responded that "no action has been taken in the matter as Government has no intention to be involved in such action."

Before the Embassy sent its note, the Director of Civil Aviation had told the reporting officer informally that he could not act on a request of this nature without prior instructions from the Department of External Affairs. Hence the Embassy's use of the formal channel of communications.

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S E C R E T LONDON (3491)

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SUB: NIGERIA: LONDON PEACE TALKS

REF: LONDON'S 3311L

1. DEPUTY SYG ADU OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT TELLS US THAT HOPED-FOR TALKS BETWEEN FMG AND IBO REPS IN LONDON DID NOT BEGIN ON OCTOBER 30. CAUSE THIS TIME WAS FMG WHICH APPARENTLY RAN OUT OF PATIENCE WAITING FOR IBOS TO SHOW UP.

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2. ACCORDING TO ADU, COMMONWEALTH SYG ANROLD SMITH HAD SATISFACTORY MEETING WITH FEDERAL COMMISSIONER EXTAFF ARIKPO OCTOBER 25 (REFTEL) AND FELT REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC FMG REPS WOULD RETURN LONDON TO BEGIN TALKS OCTOBER 30. THEN ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, NIGERIAN HICOMER OGUNDIPE PASSED MESSAGE TO SMITH FROM GOWON WHICH THREW WHOLE ISSUE IN DOUBT. MESSAGE CHARGED THAT IBOS WERE INSINCERE IN THEIR ATTITUDE

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TOWARD PEACE TALKS AND CITED AS EVIDENCE SIAFRAN RADIO BROADCAST CLAIMING FMG WAS APPROACHING UNNAMED "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION" TO SUE FOR PEACE. MESSAGE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN LIGHT IBO ATTITUDE FMG WOULD NOT SEND ITS REPS BACK TO LONDON UNTIL ASSURED BY CS THAT IBO REPS WERE THERE AND READY TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH.

3. SMITH, AFTER SATISFYING HIMSELF THAT IBO REPS STILL PLANNED BE ON DECK OCTOBER 30, REPLIED TO GOWON, GIVING HIM ASSURANCES HE REQUIRED. SMITH AND ADU

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THEN SPENT RESTLESS WEEKEND WAITING FURTHER WORD FROM FMG. IBO REPS (MOJEKWU, UDOFIA AND DIKE) RETURNED TO LONDON FROM PARIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON. SAME EVENING ARIKPO PHONED SMITH TO SAY FMG REPS (AYIDA, ASIODU AND JODA) WOULD ARRIVE MONDAY NIGHT OR TUESDAY MORNING. THIS LEFT CS WITH PROBLEM OF WHAT TO TELL IBOS MONDAY MORNING.

4. SMITH AND ADU DECIDED TO STALL FOR TIME. THEY TOLD IBO REPS THAT FMG TEAM WAS EXPECTED WITHIN 24 HOURS AND REMINDED THEM THAT EARLIER FMG REPS HAD COOLED THEIR HEELS FOR SEVERAL DAYS WAITING FOR IBOS TO TURN UP. IBOS WERE EXTREMELY SKITTISH. THEY SAID THAT THEY WERE EXCEEDING OJUKWU'S INSTRUCTIONS IN COMING TO LONDON AT ALL AND HAD ONLY DONE SO BECAUSE OF PROMISE TO SMITH. THEY REITERATED TO SMITH THAT THEY WERE EMPOWERED TO DISCUSS WAS CHANGE OF VENUE AND THEY WERE UNWILLING TO WAIT IN LONDON FOR FMG REPS TO ARRIVE.

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5. SMITH AND ADU TALKED ALL MONDAY MORNING WITH IBOS BUT DID NOT SUCCEED IN SWAYING THEM. MEANWHILE OGUNDIPE SENT FURTHER WORD TO CS THAT FMG TEAM COULD NOT ARRIVE

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BEFORE THURSDAY AND WANTED ASSURANCES THAT IBOS WOULD BE IN LONDON THEN. SINCE SMITH AND ADU HAD BEEN TRYING TO ACHIEVE LIMITED OBJECTIVE OF GETTING IBOS TO REMAIN UNTIL TUESDAY THIS NEWS SEEMED FINAL BLOW. UPSHOT OF ALL THIS HAGGLING WAS THAT MOJEKWU REFUSED REMAIN IN LONDON AND DEPARTED MONDAY AFTERNOON, PRESUMABLY FOR PARIS. UDOFIA AND DIKE ARE STILL IN LONDON BUT ARE ON VERGE OF LEAVING AND CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THEY CANNOT DISCUSS ANY SUBJECT WITH FMG TEAM EXCEPT WHERE VENUE SHOULD BE SHIFTED.

6. NOW CS MUST ADVISE FMG OF IBO POSITION AND EITHER (A) PERSUADE FMG TO AGREE TO CHANGE OF VENUE OR (B) GO BACK TO OJUKWU AND PERSUADE HIM TO DROP OBJECTIONS TO LONDON. NEITHER PROSPECT IS PLEASING TO SMITH

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AND ADU WHO ARE REACHING CONCLUSION THAT TWO SIDES ARE STILL COMMITTED TO MILITARY SHOW-DOWN. ONLY CONSOLATION FOR ADU IS THAT BOTH SIDES SEEM TO TRUST GOOD INTENTIONS AND IMPARTIALITY OF CS. IF PRESENT EFFORTS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL THERE MAY BE ANOTHER CHANCE FOR CS TO USE ITS INFLUENCE MORE EFFECTIVELY LATER.

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REF: FORT LAMY 560 OCT 31

SUBJ: CHAD GOVT DENIES "BIAFRAN" CLAIM

1. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY CHAD OCT 30 (REFTEL) REFUTING RADIO
BIAFRA CLAIM THAT CHAD ELEMENTS FIGHTING ALONGSIDE NIGERIAN
TROOPS IN EASTERN NIGERIA WAS GIVEN LIMITED PROMINENCE IN NIGERIAN
PRESS AND RADIO. SOME EMPHASIS PUT ON THIS FURTHER STATEMENT
OF SUPPORT FOR UNITY OF NIGERIA. OLSON

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SUBJECT: APPEAL FOR WESTERN ASSISTANCE IN
NIGERIAN RECONSTRUCTION

1. EDITORIAL IN IBADAN SUNDAY STAR OCT 29 ON POST WAR
RECONSTRUCTION, SAYS NIGERIA'S FRIENDS IN AMING U.S.,
U.K. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES: "ALL OPENLY PROFESS

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SUPPORT FMG. THEY ARE ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. NOW
IS CRUCIAL MOMENT FOR THEM TO BACK UP THEIR WORDS WITH
ACTIONS. IF THEY UNABLE ASSIST FMG WITH WEAPONS OF
WAR, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE HELP WITH WEAPONS OF
RECONSTRUCTION...ONE OF WAYS U.S. COULD RE-ESTABLISH

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CONFIDENCE OF NIGERIANS AFTER BRICKBATS OF RECENT PAST IS TO LAUNCH MASSIVE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AID SIMILAR TO...MARSHALL PLAN.../OR WILL WESTERN POWERS ALLOW SOVIET UNION TO STEAL SHOW AGAIN? WHATEVER MAY BE ONE'S PREJUDICES, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE INDEED OUR FRIENDS IN NEED AND WE HAVE NO REASON DOUBT THEY WOULD ALSO BE OUR FRIENDS IN OUR EFFORTS FOR POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION."

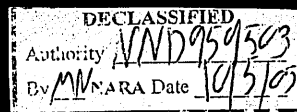
2. COMMENT: SUNDAY STAR, WHICH REAPPEARED OCT 7, AFTER BAN ON IT LIFTED, IS POLITICALLY ORIENTED TOWARDS RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE FORMER NNDP. IT IS NOT PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL AND ITS POST-BAN ISSUES HAVE BEEN UNIMPRESSIVE. IT ARDENTLY SUPPORTS GOWON AND FMG. IN ADDITION

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TO EDITORIAL, CURRENT ISSUE CONTAINS STRAIGHT NEWS STORY ON SECRETARY ON VIETNAM HEADED "US REMAINS FAITHFUL TO ALLIES," SOVIET HANDOUT ON "LENIN AND OCTOBER REVOLUTION" AND COLUMN CRITICIZING "KARL MARX ECONOMIC THEORY OF LAW." WHILE THIS CURIOUS MIXED BAG HAS OVERTONES OF FAMILIAR TACTIC FOR STIMULATING STEPPED-UP WESTERN AID, IT WOULD BE MISTAKE TO DISMISS IT FOR THAT REASON. IT IS WORTH NOTING APPEARANCE OF SUCH THINKING IN PAPER OF CONSERVATIVE OUTLOOK. MOREOVER, MAIN THEME OF ITS EDITORIAL IS ONE THAT WE HEAR INCREASINGLY FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THIS PART OF NIGERIA.

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S E C R E T 0451 NOV 67 SGD HALLIGAN, COUNTRY, NIGERIA

SUBJ: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION, DIA
FOR DIACO, CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C, DA FOR ACSI, DAO FOR DATT.

1. ARMY SOURCES LAGOS SAY SERIES TRIBAL DISPUTES ON
NIGER/NIGERIA BORDER IN AREA GENERALLY NORTH NIGERIAN TOWN

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GASHUA (1252 N 1102 E) (BORNU PROVINCE, NORTH EASTERN STATE)
REQUIRED RECENT DISPATCH NIGERIAN FEDERAL FORCES FROM KANO
BEFORE INCIDENT SETTLED. DISPUTES INVOLVED WATER AND PASTORAL
RIGHTS, AND INVOLVED NOMADIC FULANI AND LOCAL TRIBESMAN.
DETAILS ON CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE NOT AVAILABLE.

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2. REF PAR 6, MY 0459 OCT 67; IN ADDITION "HENRI BLOCK" ALLEGED "WHITE MERCENARY WITH REBEL FORCES" KILLED BY FEDERAL FORCES DURING CALABAR OPERATION. C/S NIGERIAN ARMY (WHO NOT INCLINED MAKE UNFOUNDED UTTERANCES) CLAIMS "MORE THAN TEN MERCENARIES,

ALL IN UNIFORM, KILLED BY FEDERAL FORCES DURING CALABAR OPERATION". (IF THIS SO, DATT SURMISES IT POSSIBLE THAT NUMBER THIS LARGE WOULD MORE LIKELY THAN NOT HAVE BEEN KILLED ONE LOCATION. IN THIS RESPECT, THEREFORE, IT KNOWN THAT DURING COURSE FIGHTING CALABAR CITY 18/19 OCTOBER LARGE NUMBERS REBEL FORCES - POSSIBLY IN MAGNITUDE SEVERAL HUNDRED - KILLED WHEN CALABAR PRISON, BEING USED AS FORTRESS BY REBEL FORCES, WAS MINED AND BLOWN BY FEDERAL FORCES. LARGE AREAS PRISON WALLS AND PRISON PROPER INSTANTLY DEMOLISHED IN BLAST.)

3. REF PAR 3, MY 0429; AND PAR 3 MY 0415 OCT 67. INFO NOW AVAIL THROUGH ARMY SOURCES SHEDSFURTHER LIGHT ON SUBJECT. IT BELIEVED

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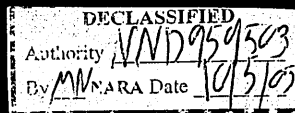
AT LEAST THREE CZECH AMPHIBIOUS ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, LOT-62 (ITEM: FOM-6-2354-3-1, TB 381-5-1, C3) UNLOADED. EACH REPORTED CARRY 82MM RECOILESS RIFLE (FOM-6-1010-4-82-1). IT FURTHER REPORTED OPERATIONAL DEMONSTRATION CONDUCTED FOR SELECTED ARMY AND FMG FIGURES BAR BEACH (VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS) EARLY HOURS 14 OCTOBER. IT BELIEVED THESE VEHICLES HAVE NOW BEEN SENT SECOND DIV ASABA.

3. NAVAL ACTIVITY: IN ADDITION NNS NIGERIA, SDB NNS SAPELE DEPARTED LAGOS 311405 LOCAL OCT.

4. TWENTY FOUR 20MM OERLIKON AA GUNS ARRIVED NIGERIAN ARMY ORDNANCE WORKSHOPS, YABA, LAGOS, 31 OCTOBER. THIS MAKES TOTAL 36 OERLIKONS RECEIVED YABA WORKSHOPS TO DATE. TWO MORE 40MM BOFORS AND TEN 20MM OERLIKONS DUE BE SENT BONNY AND CALABAR SHORTLY. GP-3

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